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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE NUMBER 255

FY 1987-1992 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile

I approve the proposed Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan for the fiscal years 1987 through 1992 as described in enclosure (1). The stockpile levels represent authorized ceilings, not to be exceeded, except as provided below or otherwise approved by me.

For the period FY 1987-1992, the following are authorized:

2. DOE may produce and transfer to the Department of Defense (DOD) parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special nuclear materials, as may be agreed by DOE and DOD. These parts may be used in nuclear weapons, training programs, research and development, and production. Additionally, DOE may temporarily transfer parts or test units containing fissile materials or plutonium power supplies for development and flight testing programs.
All modernization programs will incorporate insensitive high explosive, where operationally feasible, to minimize the potential for nuclear material scattering in an accident or sabotage situation. Older weapons lacking modern features, that are planned for extended retention, will be reviewed annually by DOD and DOE to determine if they should be included in the Stockpile Improvement Program.

1. Take the necessary steps to provide the needed capacity and capability for nuclear materials and weapons production throughout the full planning and projection periods covered by the stockpile memorandum.

The FY 1993-1997 Stockpile Projection, which was submitted with the Stockpile Plan, has been noted for planning purposes. The FY 1988-1993 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan should be submitted by September 30, 1987. A FY 1994-1998 Stockpile projection should also be included as part of this submission.

### Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan

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