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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. AIR FORCE *K-4691*

SUBJECT: Joint Staff Briefing of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP) (U)

1. PROBLEM: To provide a briefing of the general content of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP), the National Strategic Targeting and Attack Policy (NSTAP) and the execution procedures to the President.
2. MAJOR ISSUE: None. Informational briefing.
3. BACKGROUND: The President requested the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) to arrange presentation of a briefing to himself and the National Security Council on the Single Integrated Operational Plan. The Chairman has tasked the Joint Staff (J-3) to prepare and present subject briefing. Colonel Don C. LaMoine, US Air Force, will present the briefing. J-3 script is at Tab 5. Air Staff background charts are at Tab 3.
4. JOINT STAFF POSITION: The Joint Staff has prepared and will present subject briefing in the National Military Command Center on 27 January 1969.
5. SERVICE POSITIONS: The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps positions are unknown. The Air Staff considers the J-3 briefing an adequate and straight-forward review of the SIOP and the execution procedures.
6. RECOMMENDED POSITION: Note the Joint Staff briefing.

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SIOP BRIEFING FOR NIXON ADMINISTRATION

VU-GRAPH XX-1 ON (SIOP HEADER)

(NAME) , THE PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEFING IS TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF PLAN FOR CONDUCT OF GENERAL NUCLEAR WAR IF SUCH SHOULD EVER BECOME NECESSARY. THE PLAN IS CALLED THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN OR SHORT TITLE "SIOP." SINCE THIS IS THE FOURTH SUCH WAR PLAN SINCE INCEPTION OF AN INTEGRATED PLAN IN 1961, IT IS KNOWN AS SIOP 4. A MAJOR REVISION TO THE SIOP IS PUBLISHED EVERY SIX MONTHS SO THAT THE PLAN REMAINS VIABLE, FLEXIBLE, AND RESPONSIVE TO THE DYNAMIC ENEMY TARGET SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, INTERIM CHANGES ARE MADE THROUGHOUT THE LIFE-TIME OF EACH REVISION. THIS CURRENT PLAN BECAME EFFECTIVE ON 1 JULY 1966 AND IS NOW IN ITS FIFTH MAJOR REVISION. PRIOR TO THE TIME OF SIOP, EACH NUCLEAR CINC HAD HIS OWN PLAN. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, MUCH DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND TARGET CONFLICTS WERE THE RESULT. SO DURING THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION THE THEN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THOMAS GATES, IN 1960 DECREED THAT THESE PLANS WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO A SINGLE PLAN. THUS WAS BORN THE JOINT STRATEGIC TARGET PLANNING STAFF AT OMAHA TO DEVELOP THIS PLAN.

VU-GRAPH XX-1 OFF, XX-2 ON

AGENDA

THE BRIEFING WILL FOLLOW THE AGENDA SHOWN ON THIS SLIDE.
(PAUSE).

VU-GRAPH XX-2 OFF, SG-2 ON (NSTAP)

TURNING FIRST TO THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC TARGETING AND ATTACK POLICY FOR GENERAL WAR. -- THIS DOCUMENT IS PRODUCED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BASED UPON INPUTS BY THE JOINT STAFF, THE SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED

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COMMANDS. WHEN APPROVED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO THE JOINT STRATEGIC TARGET PLANNING STAFF. THE JSTPS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PUBLISHING, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN. THE GUIDANCE STIPULATES THAT THIS WILL BE A CAPABILITIES PLAN, WHICH SIMPLY MEANS A PLAN WHICH EMPLOYS DESIGNATED US NUCLEAR OFFENSIVE FORCES OF THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, THE ATLANTIC COMMAND, PACIFIC COMMAND AND THE U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING MAJOR STRATEGIC ATTACKS AGAINST SOVIET AND ASIAN COMMUNIST BLOC TARGET SYSTEMS. FORCES ARE COMMITTED FOR TARGETING PURPOSES TO THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC TARGET PLANNING (WHO, IN HIS DUAL CAPACITY AS CINCSAC, IS CURRENTLY GENERAL HOLLOWAY). HOWEVER, OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THESE FORCES REMAINS WITH THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF CONCERNED.

VU-GRAPH SG-2 OFF, SG-3 ON

CONCEPT

THE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPT UNDERLYING THE GUIDANCE IS TO MAXIMIZE US POWER, TO ATTAIN AND MAINTAIN A STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY WHICH WILL LEAD TO AN EARLY TERMINATION OF THE WAR ON TERMS FAVORABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ALLIES.

VU-GRAPH SG-3 OFF, SG-4 ON

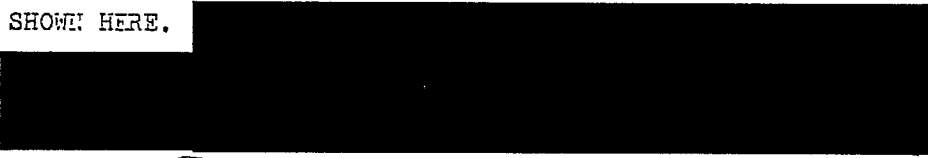
OBJECTIVE

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN AS STATED IN THE GUIDANCE IS SIMPLY THIS, AS SHOWN ON THE SCREEN. (PAUSE).

VU-GRAPH SG-4 OFF, SG-5 ON

REQUIREMENTS

IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE, MILITARY FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SHOW: HERE.



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[REDACTED]

UNDER ALL CONDITIONS OF WAR INITIATION. IN ORDER THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED FOR THE PLANNER, THEY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED IN THE GUIDANCE AS THESE THREE ALPHABETICAL TASKS.

VU-GRAPH SG-5 OFF, SG-6 ON
TASKS

TASK ALPHA FULFILLS THAT REQUIREMENT TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TASK BRAVO, [REDACTED]
LESSER PRIORITY TASK, ATTACKS THE RESIDUAL MILITARY TARGET
[REDACTED] IN THIS CASE, (NAME)
[REDACTED]
TASK CHARLIE IS ACTUALLY A TWO-
PRONGED TASK WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ATTACK THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND FURTHER TO ATTACK
[REDACTED] UNDER THIS CATEGORY OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ARE TARGETS WHICH FUNCTIONALLY FALL UNDER
TASK ALPHA OR BRAVO BUT WHICH ARE LOCATED CONTIGUOUS OR
ADJACENT TO ONE OF THESE [REDACTED] IF THE EFFECT
OF ALL THE WEAPONS TARGETED AGAINST A TARGET WOULD CAUSE DAMAGE
TO [REDACTED]
THEN THAT [REDACTED] IS RESTRAINED SO THAT IT IS ATTACKED
ONLY WHEN THE [REDACTED] IS ORDERED EXECUTED.

VU-GRAPH SG-6 OFF, XX-3 ON
TARGET SYSTEM

THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, SIR, IS THE TARGET SYSTEM.

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VU-GRAPH KX-3 OFF, SG-7 ONNSTL

THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC TARGET LIST IS A DOCUMENT WHICH IS ALSO DEVELOPED BY THE JOINT STRATEGIC TARGET PLANNING STAFF IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN. THE NSTL, AS IT IS CALLED, IS DEVELOPED FROM THE TARGET DATA INVENTORY PROVIDED BY THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. IT IS COMPILED WITHOUT REGARD TO THE QUANTITY OF FORCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN. IT IDENTIFIES THE TARGETS BY THE TASKS WHICH WE HAVE JUST DISCUSSED, AND IT FURTHER INDICATES THOSE WHICH ARE PROGRAMMED FOR ATTACK IN THE SIOP.

VU-GRAPH SG-7 OFF, SG-12 ONTASK SUMMARY

CURRENTLY THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THESE TASKS CONTAINED IN THE NSTL. SHOWN ACROSS THE TOP OF THE SLIDE ARE THE NSTL INSTALLATIONS. ON THIS SIDE ARE THOSE WHICH ARE PROGRAMMED FOR ATTACK, BOTH BY INSTALLATIONS AND BY DESIRED GROUND ZEROS OR AIMING POINTS. THESE INSTALLATIONS THEN ARE SUBJECT TO ATTACK OR PLACED AT RISK OUT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NSTL INSTALLATIONS FOR EACH OF THE THREE FUNCTIONAL TASKS. YOU WILL NOTE THAT IN THE CASE OF THE TASK CHARLIE [REDACTED] TARGETS, NO INSTALLATIONS APPEAR SINCE FUNCTIONALLY THEY ARE CONTAINED EITHER IN TASK ALPHA OR TASK BRAVO. THE NSTAP DIRECTS IN THE CASE OF THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DAMAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN, SIR, IS DEFINED AS THAT DEGREE OF DAMAGE WHICH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WE SEE THEN THAT A TOTAL OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VU-GRAPH SG-12 OFF, SG-13 ON

DGZ BY COUNTRY

THIS CHART, SIR, REFLECTS THE AIMING POINTS AS THEY ARE LAID OUT BY COUNTRY AND BY TASK. ACROSS THE TOP ARE THE THREE FUNCTIONAL TASKS. DOWN THE SIDE ARE THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE TARGETED IN THE SIOP. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT IN THE SO-CALLED

VU-GRAPH SG-13 OFF, SG-14 ON

MAP

THIS IS A MAP OF THE PRESENT TARGET SYSTEM SHOWING THE TARGETS OF USSR AND THE EUROPEAN AND COMMUNIST DOMINATED COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS CHINA AS WE CAN SEE FROM THIS CHART THE PREPONDERANCE OF TARGETS ARE IN THE

VU-GRAPH SG-14 OFF, SG-20 ON

FORCES HEADER

HAVING DISCUSSED THE TARGET SYSTEM BRIEFLY, SIR, THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A DISCUSSION OF THE SIOP FORCES AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION OF THIS PLAN.

VU-GRAPH SG-20 OFF, SG-21 ON

FORCES

THESE FORCES ARE BROKEN INTO TWO BASIC CATEGORIES, THE COMMITTED FORCES AND THE COORDINATED FORCES. WITHIN THE COMMITTED FORCES THERE IS A FURTHER BREAKOUT OF WHAT ARE CALLED THE HARD CORE FORCES WHICH ARE COMPRISED OF THE SAC BOMBERS AND MISSILES AND ALL OF THE POLARIS MISSILE SYSTEMS. THESE PARTICULAR SYSTEMS ARE IRREVOCABLY COMMITTED TO THE SIOP BY THE CINCS. ^{B-52's in SEA.} IN ADDITION THERE ARE US THEATER FORCES

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WHICH ARE COMMITTED TO THE SIOP BY THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF CONCERNED, AND WHEN SO COMMITTED THE SIOP IS THEIR FIRST PRIORITY ASSIGNMENT. HOWEVER, THESE FORCES MAY BE SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR OTHER CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS AND MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION OF THE SIOP. WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE AND EXECUTED, HOWEVER, THEY ARE TARGETED

AND, FINALLY, THEY ARE USED TO

FINALLY, SIR, THE

THESE ARE THE FORCES WHICH ARE TARGETED

VU-GRAPH SG-21 OFF, SG-24 ON

VEHICLES

THE CURRENT DELIVERY VEHICLES AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION OF THE PLAN ARE SHOWN HERE, (NAME) , DIVIDED BY AIRCRAFT AND BALLISTIC MISSILES AND FURTHER DIVIDED BY THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF WHICH HAVE FORCES COMMITTED TO AND COORDINATED WITH THE SIOP. I WOULD POINT OUT, SIR, THAT THE BLOCK ENTITLED

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AIRCRAFT AND BALLISTIC MISSILES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION OF THIS PLAN.

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EXECUTION CONSID

TURNING NOW, SIR, TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM -- SIOP EXECUTION CONSIDERATIONS.

VU-GRAPH E-1 OFF, SG-44 ON

PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTION

THE PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE SIOP ARE AS SHOWN HERE. OF COURSE, THE PRESIDENT IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE SIOP AND THE RELEASE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AS A CORPORATE BODY, HAVE THESE THREE SPECIFIC TASKS; [REDACTED] DESIGNATE COUNTRY WITHHOLDS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF IN ARRIVING AT THESE DECISIONS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING EXECUTION OF THE PLAN. BASED THEN ON HIS GUIDANCE, THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE JOINT STAFF, IN THE FORM OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER OPERATIONS TEAM, PERFORM THESE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS: [REDACTED]

VU-GRAPH SG-44 OFF, E-2 ON

DECISIONS

SIX BASIC DECISIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR EXECUTION OF THE PLAN AS SHOWN ON THIS SCREEN. WE WILL DISCUSS EACH OF THESE SEPARATELY. TO ASSIST THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE PRESIDENT IN MAKING THESE DECISIONS THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DECISIONS HANDBOOK, ALSO KNOWN AS THE BLACK BOOK, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS THE ONE IN FRONT OF YOU. THESE DECISIONS ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 11 UNDER TAB A OF THE BOOK. I WILL GIVE YOU JUST A MOMENT TO LOOK AT THESE.

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VU-GRAPH E-2 OFF, E-3 ON

WHETHER TO EXECUTE

TURNING TO THE FIRST OF THESE EXECUTION DECISIONS--WHETHER TO EXECUTE. A THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM IS FOUND ON PAGE 15 UNDER TAB A OF THE BLACK BOOK. THIS DECISION WOULD BE MADE WHEN



ARE ALSO DISCUSSED IN THIS SECTION OF THE BLACK BOOK.

VU-GRAPH E-3 OFF, E-7 ON

OBJECTIVES

THE SELECTION OF THE OBJECTIVES, OR THE TASKS, IS THE NEXT EXECUTION DECISION. A DISCUSSION OF THE ATTACK TO BE EXECUTED ARE CONTAINED ON PAGE 17 UNDER TAB A OF THE BLACK BOOK. OBVIOUSLY, THE SELECTION OF THESE OBJECTIVES WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON WHETHER OR WHETHER WE ARE

VU-GRAPH E-7 OFF, E-8 ON

TASKS

AT THIS JUNCTURE, A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE SIOP TASKS IS IN ORDER. THE PRIMARY TARGETING OBJECTIVES OF EACH IS UNDERLINED ON THIS SCREEN. (PAUSE). THE SIOP PROVIDES FOR AN INCREASING

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[REDACTED] WHICH WE CAN SEE MORE CLEARLY IN THIS NEXT CHART WHICH IS FOUND AT PAGE 31 UNDER TAB BRAVO OF YOUR BLACK BOOK.

VU-GRAPH E-8 OFF, SG-18 ON

ATTACK OPTIONS

A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE FORMAT OF THE ATTACK OPTION CHART. ACROSS THE TOP, SIR, ARE THE THREE FUNCTIONAL TASKS WHICH WE HAVE JUST REVIEWED. DOWN THE SIDE ARE THE FIVE ATTACK OPTION VARIATIONS AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION OF THE PLAN - [REDACTED]

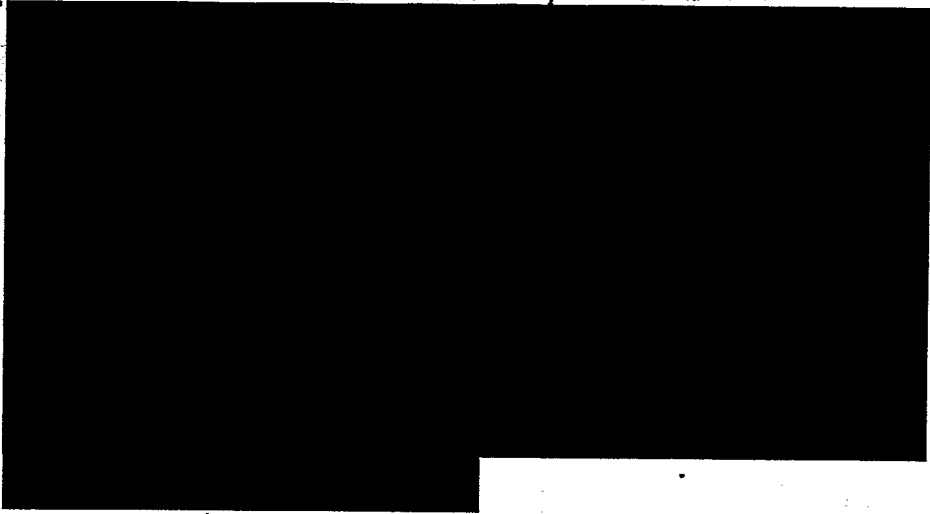


FOLLOWING THE CHART IN TAB B OF YOUR BLACK BOOK THERE ARE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF THE OBJECTIVES, CONSIDERATIONS, AND FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EMPLOYMENT OF EACH OF [REDACTED] IT IS NOT OUR PURPOSE TODAY, SIR, TO DISCUSS EACH OF THESE SEPARATELY. GENERALLY SPEAKING, HOWEVER, IF THE US STRATEGY IS TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE STILL SUBSTANTIAL CASUALTIES INFLICTED BY [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED]

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VU-GRAPH SG-18 OFF, E-16 ON



/TURNING NOW, SIR, TO THE NEXT DECISION: WHETHER OR NOT TO



IF YOU WILL, SIR, PLEASE REFER BACK NOW TO PAGE 19 .
UNDER TAB A OF YOUR BLACK BOOK WHERE A DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM
IS CONTAINED. THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC TARGETING AND ATTACK
POLICY AFFORDS THE CAPABILITY TO

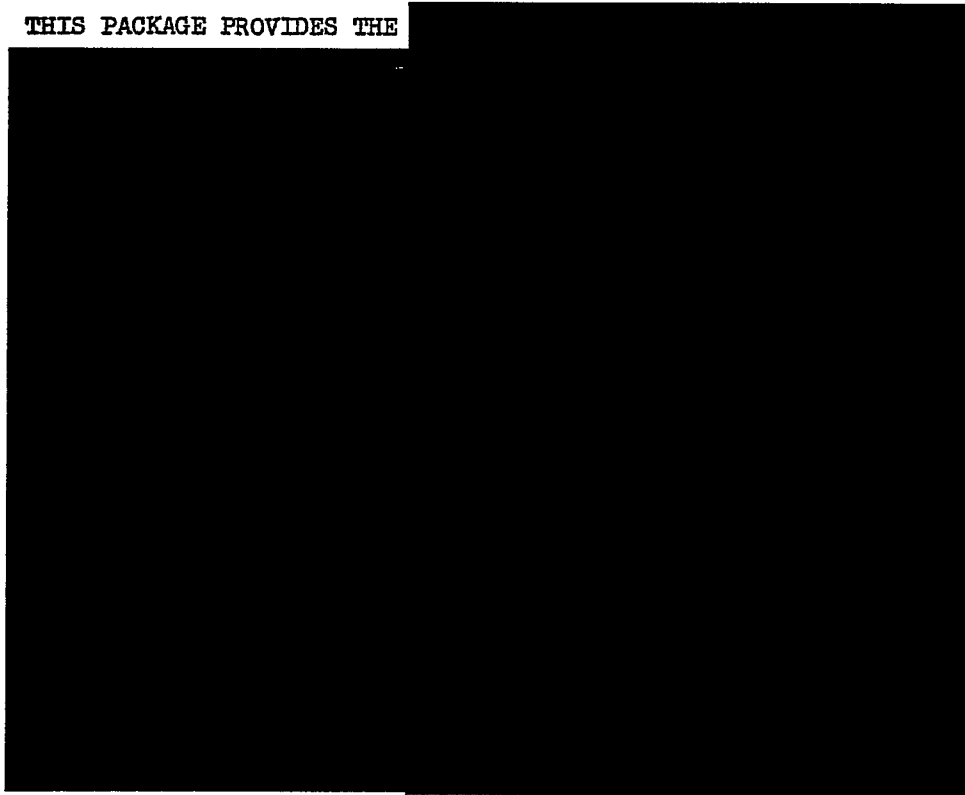


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THE NEXT DECISION, SIR, REGARDS WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTACK

[REDACTED] A DISCUSSION OF THIS
DECISION IS FOUND AT PAGE 21 UNDER TAB A OF THE BLACK BOOK.
THIS PACKAGE PROVIDES THE



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COUNTRY WITHHOLDS

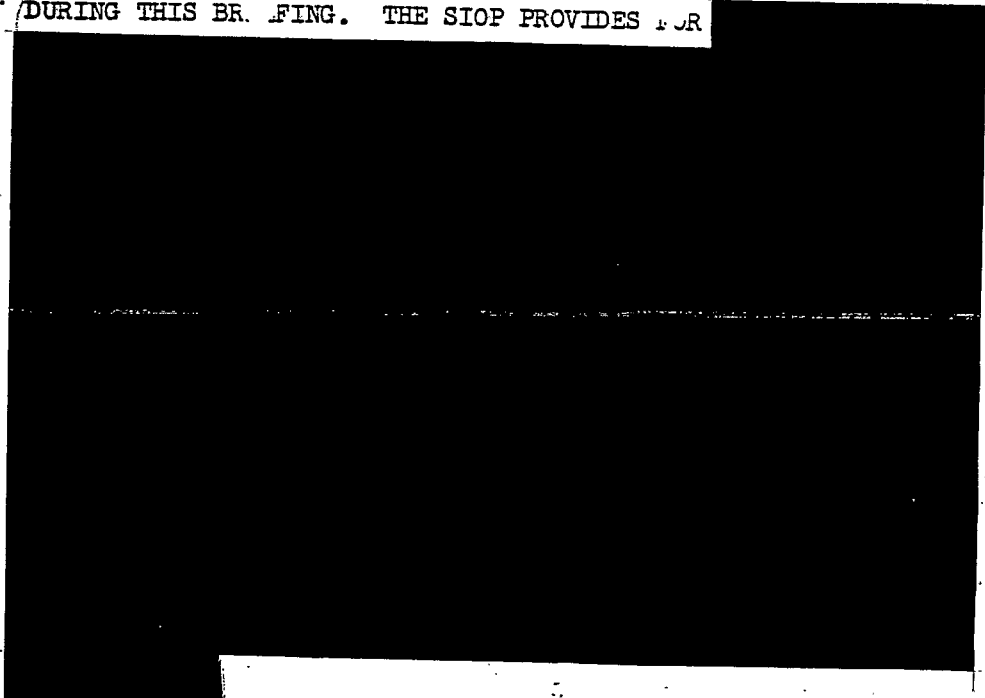
THIS BRINGS US, SIR, TO OUR NEXT OF THE BASIC DECISIONS -
WHETHER OR NOT TO WITHHOLD ANY OF THE COUNTRIES TARGETED IN
THE SIOP. THIS DECISION, (NAME) , IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 23
UNDER TAB A OF THE BLACK BOOK. IN ADDITION, VERY DETAILED
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES AS FAR AS



THESE ARE ALL CONTAINED
IN TAB E TO THE BLACK BOOK WHICH WE WILL NOT DISCUSS IN DETAIL

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DURING THIS BR. FING. THE SIOP PROVIDES FOR

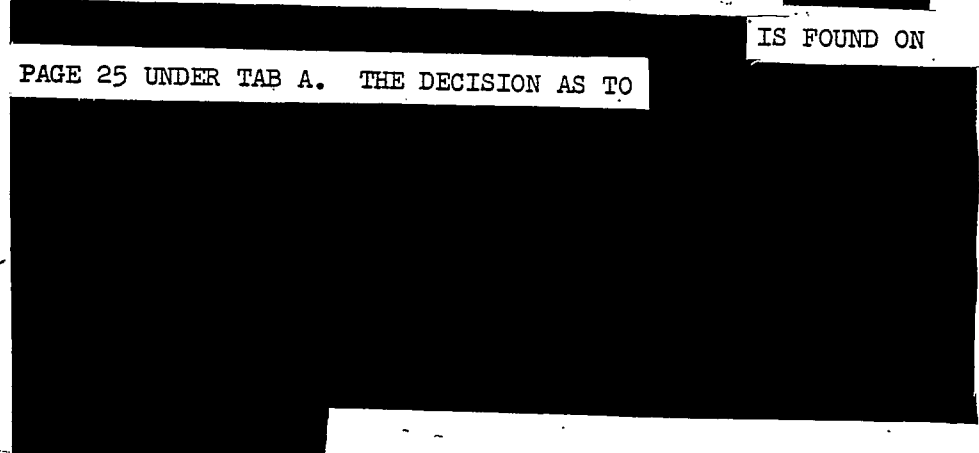


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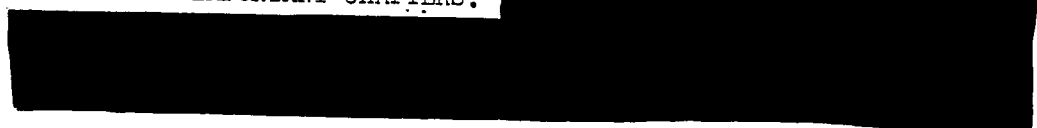
(NAME) , IN CONCLUDING THE DISCUSSION ON THE

IS FOUND ON

PAGE 25 UNDER TAB A. THE DECISION AS TO



ALSO CONTAINED IN THE BLACK BOOK IN FRONT OF YOU, SIR, ARE
SOME OTHER IMPORTANT CHAPTERS.



SINCE THIS SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT FOR A SEPARATE BRIEFING, THE
INTELLIGENCE DISCUSSION WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY. WE WOULD,
HOWEVER, LIKE TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY SOME OF THE ITEMS UNDER TAB
C REGARDING VARIOUS MEANS OF IMPROVING OUR DEFENSE POSTURE.

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JCS A-HOUR

ONE OF THESE IS THE DECLARATION OF AN A-HOUR OR ALERT
HOUR BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

[REDACTED]

THE ADVANTAGE TO

BE GAINED HERE IS OBVIOUS BECAUSE THE

[REDACTED]

VU-GRAPH C-3 OFF, S-1 ON

SEAGA

ANOTHER MEANS OF IMPROVING OUR READINESS POSTURE AND
ENSURING SURVIVABILITY OF THE FORCE IS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF AIR AND GROUND ALERT, MORE COMMONLY
CALLED "SEAGA," WHICH IS A SAC CONCEPT. THIS CONCEPT USES
THE UNCLASSIFIED NAME OF "GIANT LANCE," AND WHEN IMPLEMENTED
CURRENTLY CAN MOUNT [REDACTED]

THEY ARE TARGETED PRIMARILY AGAINST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WHEN

THIS PLAN IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THESE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOWN ON THIS CHART.

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VU-GRAPH S-1 OFF, S-8 ON

MAP

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[REDACTED]

A DISCUSSION OF "SEAGA" IS ALSO
CONTAINED IN THE BLACK BOOK.

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POSITIVE CONTROL LAUNCH

STILL ANOTHER MEANS OF INSURING SURVIVABILITY OF THE FORCES
IS THE SAC POSITIVE CONTROL LAUNCH.

[REDACTED]

SIR, THAT COMPLETES THE DISCUSSION OF THE BLACK BOOK.

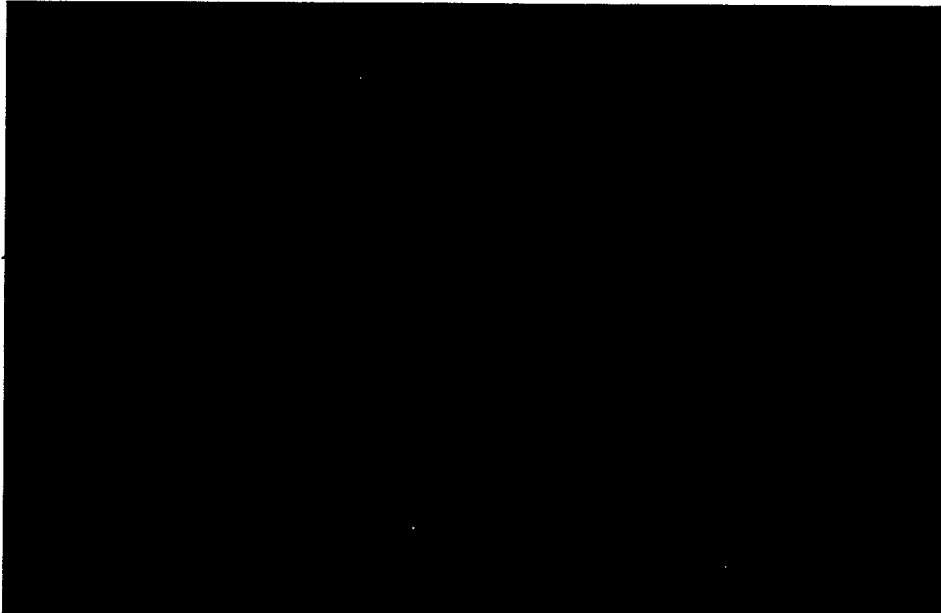
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BEFORE WE LEAVE THE BLACK BOOK, SIR, A WORD OF CAUTION IS IN ORDER. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SIOP-ESI MATERIAL, WHICH IS DEFINED AS "EXTREMELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION." A COMPROMISE OR DISCLOSURE TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS NOT ON THE ACCESS LIST COULD CAUSE EXCEPTIONALLY GRAVE DANGER TO THE UNITED STATES. STRINGENT CONTROLS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LETTER AND INTENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10501, TO INSURE THAT ONLY THOSE PERSONS HAVING A NEED-TO-KNOW ARE GRANTED ACCESS TO ESI DOCUMENTS AND BRIEFINGS. NORMALLY, YOUR (EXECUTIVE)(SECURITY) OFFICER CAN ADVISE YOU WHO IS, OR WHO IS NOT, CLEARED FOR ACCESS TO ESI INFORMATION.

[REDACTED]

THERE IS ONE OTHER ITEM ASSOCIATED WITH EXECUTION, HOWEVER, WHICH WE FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF, AND THAT IS THE



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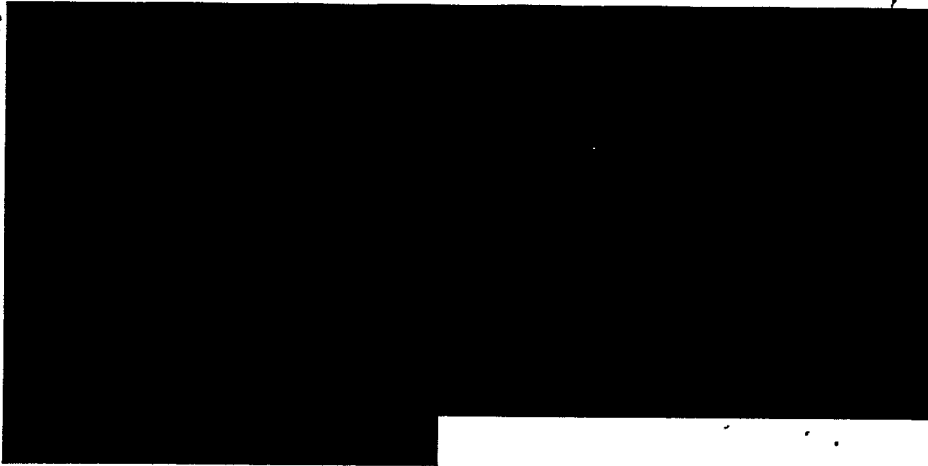
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SHOWN ON THIS CHART ARE THE FIVE ADDITIONAL COMMANDERS IN

CHIEF [REDACTED]

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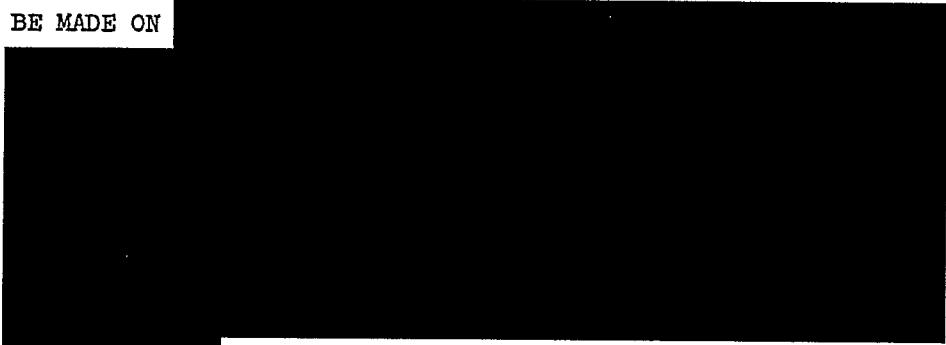
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VU-GRAPH SG-50 ON

CONCLUSION

(NAME) , IN SUMMARY, OUR DISCUSSION TODAY CONCLUDES THAT THE SIOP IS AN EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE NUCLEAR STRIKE PLAN IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE ENTIRE TARGET BASE IS NOT PROGRAMMED FOR ATTACK. PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTION ARE STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND IN THEMSELVES ARE NEITHER NEW OR UNUSUALLY COMPLICATED. IT IS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, THE EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF THE MANY ATTACK RESPONSES AVAILABLE, WHEREIN THE PROBLEM BECOMES COMPLEX. CHOICES ARE WIDE AND MAY BE MADE ON



IN A CRISIS MOUNTED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE EARLY SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTACK PARTICULAR COUNTRIES. IN A LONG DRAWN OUT CRISIS, WITH HIGHLY INTENSIFIED FORCE READINESS

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ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES, IT MAY BE EVEN POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION SOME OF THE ATTACK OPTIONS. BUT IN A SUDDEN EMERGENCY, WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING, ALL OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE ENTERTAINED AND DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT (PAUSE) AND PERHAPS IN NO MORE THAN A VERY FEW MINUTES. SIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY BRIEFING. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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