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TO	NAME	INITIAL	REMARKS	
✓	CHAIRMAN, JCS	00	✓	
3	EXECUTIVE	02	DJS - info J-5 - info 25 February 1972	
2	THE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN	01	BAK	
	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP SPECIAL MBR	01A	1. In January, DSTP recommended a change to JCS 1969 guidance regarding the Communist Chinese Nuclear Package. 2. Following normal PM 133 staffing procedures, with full Service coordination, the proposed DSTP change was transmitted yesterday to CINCPAC, requesting his views. The message center, through an error, added SECDEF to internal distribution on the message (Tab).	
	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP AIR FORCE MBR	01B		
✓	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP NAVY MBR	01C		
	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP MARINE MBR	01D		
	CHAIRMAN'S STAFF GROUP ARMY MBR	01E	3. SECDEF was displeased and asked that the message be cancelled. The message was cancelled by action of Lieutenant General Vogt (using PM 133 procedures.)	
	MILITARY ASSISTANT (L AND L)	01F		
	MILITARY ASSISTANT (PA)	01G	4. It appears SECDEF wishes that all routine functions related to NSTAP and SIOP be held in abeyance pending Review Panel action, and that recommended changes be referred only to the Panel, not to the CINCs, for coordination.	
4	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04		
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP)

Your message to CINCPAC (3440, date/time group 242224Z Feb 72) on the SIOP concerns me on a number of counts. Among my concerns are the timing of the message, the policy implications of the guidance involved, and the procedures through which we review and modify US policies for the employment of strategic nuclear weapons.

I would appreciate the recall of the subject message. Furthermore, I believe we should hold in abeyance consideration of any target/SIOP changes like those addressed in the message, at least until the policy review and guidance panel I appointed on 19 January 1972 has had an opportunity to make its initial report to me. (You, of course, are a member of the panel.) Any changes such as those suggested in your message 3440 could be considered by the panel and submitted to me for decision.

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SUBJ: THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN. (U)

REF: SM-762-69, 7 NOV 69, SAME SUBJECT.

1. (S) REFERENCE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS TO DSTP FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE COMMUNIST CHINESE NUCLEAR PACKAGE (CCNP).
2. (TS) DSTP HAS RECOMMENDED THE REFERENCE BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:
  - A. DELETE PARAGRAPH 1 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: (QUOTE) "THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A REQUIREMENT IN THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN (SIOP) FOR A COMMUNIST CHINESE NUCLEAR PACKAGE TO BE TARGETED AND EXECUTED WITH ANY SIOP ATTACK OPTION IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT PEKING PACKAGE. THIS PACKAGE SHOULD CONTAIN ALL NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING NUCLEAR PRODUCTION FACILITIES, ALL ASSEMBLY/STORAGE SITES FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THOSE MISSILE NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF ATTACK UPON THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU INITIATE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO PROVIDE THIS CAPABILITY BY REVISION TO THE SIOP AND THAT YOU PROVIDE THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WITH THE BEST ESTIMATE ON THE EARLIEST SIOP REVISION IN WHICH THE CHANGE COULD BE INCORPORATED" (ENDQUOTE).
  - B. DELETE PARAGRAPH 3 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: (QUOTE) "EXECUTION OF THE ABOVE PACKAGE SHOULD TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, NEGATE ANY IMMEDIATE COMMUNIST CHINESE NUCLEAR THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES AND PRECLUDE THE PRC FROM EMERGING AS THE DOMINANT NUCLEAR POWER FOLLOWING A NUCLEAR EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE US AND USSR" (ENDQUOTE).

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3. (TS) DSTP PROVIDED FOLLOWING RATIONALE IN SUPPORT OF HIS RECOMMENDATION: A. THE GROWING PRC NUCLEAR DELIVERY CAPABILITY HAS INCREASED TO THE EXTENT THAT TASK ALPHA EXECUTION IS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE CURRENT OBJECTIVE OF LIMITING TO A "VERY LOW LEVEL" THE NUCLEAR THREAT TO US FORCES AND ALLIES IN ASIA. FOR REVISION L, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE PRC WILL POSSESS 27 IRBM SITES. THERE IS ALSO HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THE PRC WOULD DISPERSE THEIR BOMBER FORCE DURING A CRISIS PERIOD. THEREFORE, THE 27 IRBM SITES AND THE BOMBER DISPERSAL AIRFIELDS SHOULD BE TARGETED AS PART OF THE CCNP. FOR REVISION L, THE CCNP WOULD CONSIST OF A TOTAL OF 160 DGZ'S OF WHICH 150 ARE TASK ALPHA. B. A SIOP OPTION WHICH WOULD STRIKE ONLY THOSE TARGETS THAT CONSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO CONUS AND PRC LONG TERM NUCLEAR GROWTH POTENTIAL AS AN ADJUNCT TO TASK ALPHA EXECUTION, IS CONSIDERED AS A DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE. A STRIKE OF THIS ORDER COULD BE USED TO COMPLEMENT A TASK ALPHA ATTACK OR AFFORD THE NCA A MEANS TO PREVENT THE EMERGENCE OF THE PRC AS THE DOMINANT WORLD POWER FOLLOWING A NUCLEAR EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE US AND USSR. C. UNDER THIS CONCEPT, THE REVISED CCNP FOR REVISION L WOULD CONSIST OF 12 DGZ'S. THE TARGETS WOULD INCLUDE: (1) ALL ICBM'S; (2) MAJOR AEROSPACE AND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGICAL ELEMENTS; (3) NUCLEAR MATERIAL PRODUCTION; AND (4) NUCLEAR WEAPONS FABRICATION AND STORAGE FACILITIES. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT ONLY MISSILES WOULD BE PROGRAMMED AGAINST THIS PROPOSED PACKAGE. SIX OF THE TARGETS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE WITHIN POLARIS A-3 RANGE. ALL TARGETS CAN BE PROGRAMMED FOR ATTACK BY MINUTEMAN.

4. (S) REQUEST THAT YOUR VIEWS ON THE DSTP RECOMMENDATION BE PROVIDED BY 15 MAR 72. THESE VIEWS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT, IF REQUIRED, OF REVISED GUIDANCE FOR PREPARATION OF THE CCNP AND FOR SUBSEQUENT INCORPORATION IN A PROPOSED REVISION TO THE NSTAP. GP-1.

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