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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: Michelle McIntyre, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

THROUGH: Executive Secretary

UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

FROM: Stephen J. Hadley, ASD(ISP), 50942

REQUEST: (U) To set up a briefing from STRATCOM on future U.S. strategic nuclear force requirements.

PURPOSE: (U) To examine alternative strategic nuclear force structures and requirements in light of the Washington Summit agreement limits.

BACKGROUND: (U) STRATCOM recently concluded a comprehensive study of strategic force structure requirements and alternatives in light of the Washington Summit agreement. It lays out the post-Summit phase I and II force structure alternatives, and highlights the necessity of identifying in the near term the force structure with which we will want to move into the 21st century. In particular, the study highlights two key issues that have emerged and will require your decision: (1) the size and configuration of the strategic bomber force which remains committed to the SDI, and of that which is reoriented to conventional missions; and (2) whether and, if so, when to backfill with the D-5 missile the eight Trident SSBNs in the Pacific currently armed with the C-4.

DATE AND TIME: (U) We are working with STRATCOM to arrange the briefing ASAP (TAB A).

PARTICIPANTS: (U) SecDef, DepSecDef, CIGS, Gen. Butler, Mr. Wolfowitz, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Inglee, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Klinger.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

FROM: STEPHEN J. HADLEY, ASD/ISP

SUBJECT: Visit to U.S. Strategic Command on 6 October 1992 - Trip Report

ACTION

PURPOSE: INFORMATION-(U) Earlier this week Oll Klinger and I traveled to U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) Headquarters in Omaha for a series of briefings and discussions with General Butler and his staff. This memorandum summarizes our discussions, which included the results of STRATCOM's study of U.S. strategic nuclear force requirements in the wake of the Washington Summit agreement, and ongoing developments in the establishment of the Command.

Since late July, STRATCOM has been conducting a comprehensive examination of strategic force structure requirements and alternatives in light of the Washington Summit agreement limits. The study included the participation of the Joint Staff, Air Force and Navy staffs, Air Combat Command, and representatives from LANT and PAC. The study does a comprehensive job of integrating force structure, targeting, and arms control issues. It lays out the... and highlights the importance of identifying now the force structure with which we will want to move into the 21st century.

In undertaking this study, STRATCOM has already filled the void that we sought to eliminate through the establishment of the Command: providing a single voice which could (1) analyze impartially the full range of strategic force issues, integrating force structure, targeting, operational, and arms control considerations; and (2) speak to these national requirements in programmatic and budgetary fora, and bring them forward for your review.

In that regard, two key issues have emerged from the study that will require your decision: 1) the size and configuration of the strategic bomber force which remains committed to the SIOP, and of that which is reoriented to conventional missions; and 2) whether and, if so, when to backfit with the D-5 missile the eight Trident SSBNs in the Pacific currently armed with the C-4. We will work with STRATCOM to bring this briefing forward for your consideration in next few weeks.

In addition to the force structure study, STRATCOM is also working to establish the command and organizational relationships required for it to exercise responsibility and authority...
for force commitment, planning, and combat command over all three legs of the Triad.

(3) Our discussions reaffirmed the view that dealing with the consequences of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery would be a major national preoccupation in the coming years. We will need to review our capabilities in this area.