



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
FOR COMMAND, CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS AND
INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Reducing the United States Nuclear Arsenal

Pursuant to the President's direction to me, I direct accomplishment of the following as soon as possible:

1. The United States armed forces shall eliminate its inventory of ground-launched theater nuclear weapons.
2. Tactical nuclear weapons shall be removed from all surface ships, attack submarines, and land-based naval aircraft bases.
3. United States strategic bombers shall stand down from their alert postures and their nuclear weapons shall be removed and stored in secure areas.
4. The United States intercontinental ballistic missiles scheduled for deactivation under the terms of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty shall stand down from alert.
5. Development of the mobile Peacekeeper ICBM rail garrison system and the mobile portions of the small ICBM program shall be terminated.
6. The nuclear short-range attack missile program (SRAM-II) shall be terminated.
7. A Unified Command Plan with a United States Strategic Command to which all elements of the U.S. strategic deterrent are to be assigned shall be submitted to me.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after coordination with appropriate departmental officials, shall prepare for my approval the orders necessary to accomplish items 1 and 2 above, except for the weapons destruction aspect of item 1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall ensure the accomplishment of that aspect. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall submit to me for approval the orders necessary to accomplish immediately items 3 and 4. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, after coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force, the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, and other officials as appropriate, shall ensure the prompt accomplishment of items 5 and 6. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall ensure accomplishment of Item 7. This memorandum shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable law and safety and security standards.

Dick Cheney