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PERSONAL FOR DR. JOHNSON FROM GENERAL NORSTAD.

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By CJA NLDDE Date 07/01/2014

In Reply to questions raised in your message, the following are my views:

a. Is there an operational requirement for yields for delivery by Allied aircraft other than provided by the ~~version~~ version?
Answer: Yes, nuclear attacks on large airfields, and in many cases the associated nuclear storage facilities, require higher yields than . An across-the-board analysis of ACE targets (based on) indicates that on the average a probability of damage, whereas probability damage. Some targets require in order to insure an acceptable probability for the required damage level.

b. What is the Allied reaction expected to be if F-100 and F-104 aircraft are limited with respect to
Answer: When it becomes evident that the U.S. and U.K. delivery forces are attacking similar targets with more effective yields than those utilized by other ACE delivery units, the Allied reaction, other than U.K., will be adverse. It will not be possible to conceal these differences as the Nuclear Strike Plan and supporting documents are published on a NATO basis and are available to appropriate ACE headquarters and assigned ACE delivery units.

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c. Are there other impacts which might result from such a restriction?

Answer: Limiting a large portion of ACE strike forces to delivery of weapons of [REDACTED] yield complicates peacetime planning, reduces operational flexibility and increases the problem of logistical support. In the event of general war and after use of nuclear weapons has been authorized, it will be impractical for commanders to observe these limitations. Surviving delivery forces, regardless of nationality, will have to employ the weapons available. Limiting the [REDACTED] yields would have the overall effect of requiring a larger total number of weapons to be in the deployed inventory and conceivably even a larger number of ready alert aircraft. SCP-1.

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