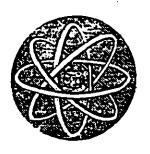
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APPENDIX A

CHRONOLOGY

TRANSFER AND DISPERSAL

OF

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

CY 1950 - CY 1977

CHRONOLOGY TRANSFER AND DISPERSAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Jun 14, 1950	Transfer of nonnuclear components of the Mk 4 bombs from AEC to DoD for training.
Aug 1950	Transfer of nonnuclear components from AEC to the USAF for storage at overseas bases and to the Navy for storage on the weapons).
Late 1950	Nonnuclear components moved to UK and to Guam
Dec 6, 1951	Nonnuclear components authorized on
May 1951	Nonnuclear components authorized on the second
Apr 6, 1951	President authorized the transfer of nuclear bombs from AEC to General Vandenburg. This was the only dispersal and transfer authorization in fiscal years 1951 and 1952.
Jun 1951	The bombs transferred to General Vandenburg's custody were moved to Guam.
Jul 22, 1952	Nonnuclear components authorized for storage in UK, Guam, and on carriers.
Jun 20, 1953	President authorized dispersal of weapons under AEC control to carriers, ammo ships, Guam, and the UK. Nonnuclear components could be stored at the above locations and Alaska, Hawaii, This constituted the dispersal authorization for fiscal years 1953 and 1954.
Jul 1953	Arrangements were made with the AEC for storage of nuclear weapons on carriers and Guam.
Apr 1954	The President authorized the dispersal of nuclear weapons under AEC control to ammunition ships, cruisers and submarines.

Dec I, 1954	For FY 1955 the President authorized the transfer of nuclear weapons from AEC to DoD. Dispersals were authorized to CONUS, the UK, West Germany, Hawaii, Guam, Maria naval vessels.
Jan 1955	Nuclear weapons were dispersed to UK, Guam, Hawaii, Guam naval vessels. Dispersal to Alaska, Guam and West Germany had also been authorized by the President on December 1, 1954.
Aug 29, 1955	The President authorized low yield (under DoD custody) and high yield (under AEC custody) to be dispersed in CONUS, UK, West Germany, on Guam, Hawaii and naval vessels in FY 1956.
Mar 8, 1956	The President amended the August 29, 1955 authorization and established a ceiling of weapons to be transferred from AEC to DoD, exclusive of high yield.
Nov 24, 1956	The FY 1957 dispersal plan was approved. Totals of low yield under DoD and high yield under AEC could be dispersed.
Aug 6, 1957	A total of low yield and high yield weapons and a combined total of were authorized for dispersal during FY 1958.
Jan 3, 1959	The President ordered the transfer of low yield and high yield weapons (for the first time) to DoD for FY 1959. The high yield weapons were to be transferred when AEC and DoD had worked out the arrangements.
Feb 26, 1959	The President authorized the transfer of nuclear weapons to DoD for FY 1959. This authorization replaced the FY 1959 January 3, 1959 approval. DoD now was authorized custody of both low and high yield weapons.
Nov 5, 1959	The President approved the FY 1960 dispersal plan and authorized DoD custody of weapons. Dispersal was authorized for the first time to
Jan 16, 1961	The FY 1960 dispersal plan was approved by President Eisenhower. DoD was given custody of weapons.

President Kennedy approved the FY 61 NWDCP of January 16, May 20, 1961 1961 provided that additional weapons were not dispersed in support of non-US forces and subject to the desirability of retaining a substantial reserve in the National Stockpile Sites. This was the basic dispersal authorization for US forces for FY 61, 62 and 63, and for non-US forces in FY 61. NSAM 143 authorized the dispersal of nuclear weapons Apr 10, 1962 for support of designated non-US NATO forces. However, it also precluded the loading of exclusive of forces in the United Kingdom. This was the basic dispersal authorization for non-US forces for FY 62 and FY 63. NSAM 197 required "approvals in principle" by the Presi-Oct 23, 1962 dent for support of non-US forces. Dispersal approval for weapons for these forces would continue under NSAM 143. President Kennedy disapproved the proposed FY 62 dispersal Dec 26, 1962 plan but did permit DoD custody of nuclear weapons, and components. The Deputy Secretary of Defense clarified the President's Feb 27, 1963 authorization/denial of December 26, 1962. He permitted the additional dispersal of weapons over the January 16, 1961 (FY 61) authorization to areas under full US control. NSAM 305 approved the FY 64 NWDCP. It authorized DoD Jun 16, 1964 to obtain custody of nuclear weapons/and components. It continued the requirements of NSAMs 143, 160 and 197. The Secretary of Defense, Mr. McNamara, imposed a ceiling May 17, 1965 of ADMs which could be dispersed to Europe. NSAM 334 approved the NWDCP for FY 65 and FY 66. DoD Jun 1, 1965 was authorized custody of muclear weapons. No additional ADMs could be dispersed to Europe. A ceiling weapons was imposed on NATO Europe. NSAM 143 and NSAM 197 actions were continued.

finished nuclear weapons in the stockpile.

The President authorized the transfer to DoD of all

Feb 10, 1967

NSAM 364 authorized DoD to disperse weapons for FY 67 Aug 4, 1967 \ and FY 68. The ceilings of weapons for NATO Europe and ADMs for Europe was continued. The Deputy Secretary of Defense notified the JCS that Jan 26, 1968 no additional dispersals would be made to NATO Europe and that he intended to hold the number of weapons in NATO Europe/at and afloat in , at the numbers) and Pacific the Atlantic actually deployed as of December 31, 1967. He allowed a 10% overage for weapons afloat. Any dispersals over these limits had to be approved by the Secretary of Defense. The actual number of weapons in NATO Europe was Jan 26, 1968 The Deputy Secretary of Defense authorized an increase Apr 6, 1968 of weapons to his ceiling of weapons/for the Atlantic Fleet. Jun 11, 1968 NSAM 370 approved the NWDCP for FY 69. The ceilings for NATO Europe and for ADMs/in Europe were continued in effect. NSAM 143 was modified to permit "case by case" dispersals to be authorized by 1, weapons was set the annual NWDCP. A ceiling of for dispersals outside of CONUS. Jun 25, 1968 The Deputy Secretary of Defense established a new ceiling of weapons afloat less Polaris warheads. The Deputy Secretary of Defense established a ceiling Aug 6, 1968 weapons for NATO Europe and a total of weapons afloat excluding strategic offensive missiles. NSAM_372 authorized the FY 70 NWDCP. The ceilings of Jan 18, 1969 and for total weapons/in NATO Europe and ADMs in Europe was continued. The maximum number of weapons outside CONUS was set at NSDM 60 authorized the FY70 NWDCP. The President desired May 9, 1970 revised NATO and ADM tables. Revised tables as approved established NATO Europe) ceiling at the ADM ceiling for Europe;at The maximum number of weapons outside

CONUS was sety at

Nov 20, 1970

The Deputy Secretary of Defense delegated authority

A ceiling of was set for dispersals

to the JCS to increase approved deployment levels in NATO Europe when specified conditional deployments were made and to increase specified deployments in any theater up to 10% when necessary to meet contingencies.

Jul 20, 1971 NSDM 121 authorized the FY72 NWDCP. The President approved ceilings/of to NATO Europe/and to ADMs/in Europe. He denied an increase/of weapons

Jul 18, 1972 NSDM 178 authorized the FY73 NWDCP. The President approved ceilings of to NATO Europe and a European /ADM ceiling of ADM A ceiling of was set for weapons dispersed outside of CONUS.

outside of CONUS.

Jul 18, 1973 NSDM 226 authorized the FY74 NWDCP. The President established ceilings of for NATO Europe and for ADMs/in Europe. The total authorized for dispersal outside CONUS was

Jun 20, 1974 The President, by NSDM 258, approved a change to the nuclear weapon yield constraint imposed by NSAMs 143 and 199. The yield shall now not exceed kt (accommodating B61-2 and B61-3 nuclear bomb support of non-US NATO forces).

Oct 8, 1974

NSDM 274 authorized the FY75 NWDCP. The President established ceilings of for NATO Europe and for ADMs in Europe. A ceiling of was set for dispersals outside CONUS.

Apr 30, 1975

General Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, notified General Wickham, Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, that the President had directed there would be no withdrawal of US forces or nuclear weapons from overseas areas without his expressed approval.

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AUTHORIZATIONS AND DISPERSALS BY
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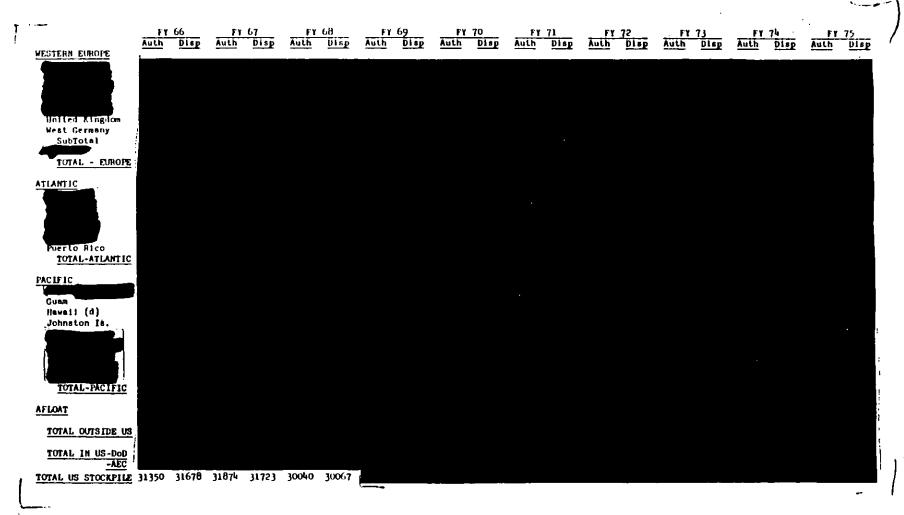
(a) - Lithough authorized, weapons were never deployed to General Vandenburg in April 1951 and were then deployed to Guan, b) - Lithough authorized, weapons were never deployed to these countries, c) - Aleaks included in U.S. totals commencing 1958, d) - Howell included in U.S. totals commencing 1961, e) - Not included in totals commencing 1960,

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AUTHORIZATIONS AND DISPERSALS BY LOCATION

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FY 1947 through FY 1975 (Continued)



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NUCLEAR WEAPONS

AUTHORIZATIONS AND DISPERSALS

BY LOCATION

<u>FY 77</u> FY 78 FY 76 Auth Disp Auth Disp Auth Disp WESTERN EUROPE United Kingdom West Germany (f) Subtotal TOTAL EUROPE ATLANTIC TOTAL ATLANTIC PACIFIC Guam Hawaii (d) TOTAL PACIFIC AFLOAT TOTAL OUTSIDE US TOTAL IN US-DOD -ERDA TOTAL US STOCKPILE

(f) warheads in excess to European requirements being retained in-theater for MBFR purposes.

(g) additional warheads were deployed to Government request and US Presidential approval.

