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In reply refer to:
I-35915/68

MEMORANDUM FOR: J-3 - Colonel Haskin
SAFGC - Mr. Kent
OP-61 - Captain Ries
DCS/OPS - Mr. Foley

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SUBJECT: Nuclear Weapons Arrangements

I have received from G/PM in State the attached draft country sections for a proposed compendium on nuclear weapons arrangements. The compendium is designed as a basic reference document for both State and DOD, covering those countries whose consent is required regarding the deployment and use of nuclear weapons.

These drafts reflect informal coordination between interested elements of OSD and the State Department, including the State country directors concerned. As indicated by the transmittal note from Mr. Lehmann, it is planned to transmit the final compendium through the Politico-Military IRG to the SIG. This would be accomplished on a very restricted basis, in view of the sensitivity of its content. So as to maintain its usefulness, the compendium will be periodically updated.

In order to provide the basis for formal clearance, we would appreciate receiving your concurrence or comment regarding the attached country summaries by Friday, 18 October.

Philip E. Barringer
Philip E. Barringer
Director, Foreign Military
Rights Affairs

Attachment:
Draft Compendium of Nuclear
Weapons Arrangements, 8 Oct 68

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cc:
ISA Policy Planning - Dr. Lewis
ISA Regional Directors (pertinent country sections)
ATSD(AE) - Col. Stansberry
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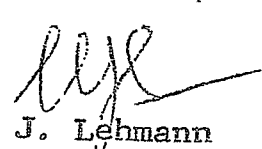
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DOD/ISA/FMRA - Mr. Barringer

FROM: G/PM - W. J. Lehmann

Attached for your comments and concurrence is the draft Compendium of Nuclear Weapons Arrangements.

After the appropriate staffing, we would prepare to transmit it through the POL/MIL Group to the SIG.


W. J. Lehmann

Attachments

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

No nuclear weapons are stored and no overflights
with nuclear weapons are made

OSD
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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

As of September 21, 1968, no nuclear weapons were stored and none are planned for the future.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Legal Aspects

OSD
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These agreements would have

Foreign Minister.

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A letter from Mr. C. Burke Elbrick, the Assistant Secretary of State, to Mr. Mansfield Sprague, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, dated March 31, 1958, gave Department of State approval

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(c)

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas
or Afloat Storage

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(c)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas
or Afloat Storage

C. US Nuclear Weapons Storage

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(c)

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

As of September 21, 1968,

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and we are committed to doing so annually.

Legal Aspects

OSD
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Intra-theater redistribution of weapons is to be as determined by SACEUR. This agreement is implemented by an Air Force service-to-service agreement of October 4, 1960. A government-to-government agreement

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

It sets forth the detailed arrangements for storage, custody, movement and command responsibilities.

With reference to overflight with nuclear weapons, a

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

The Special Weapons Overflight Guide does not reflect this requirement. This disparity is now being reviewed.

Prior to 1967, the flow of information

OSD
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and this information will be updated annually.

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Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas
Or Afloat Storage.

-- Intra-theater airlift of nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas
or Afloat Storage.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

C. US Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

D. Tactical Strike Aircraft.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

E. Overland Movements of Nuclear Weapons Outside CONUS.

-- There are no overland movements of nuclear
weapons

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

OSD
§.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

As of September 21, 1968, no nuclear weapons were stored

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Legal Aspects

A letter dated 23 August 1957 to Mansfield Sprague, the Assistant Secretary of Defense from Robert Murphy, the Deputy Under Secretary of State, stated that under the

ESD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

General Curtis LeMay, Vice Chief of Staff requested that prior arrangements be made for notification of flights, safety arrangements, and emergency procedures in connection with atomic weapons movements. Procedures are being followed in this regard as outlined in the Special Weapons Overflight Guide.

When a need was established for storing ASW nuclear weapons a memo from Mr. Leddy, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, to the Secretary of State stated that

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

In this light, an Agreement is presently being

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negotiated between the United States

section.

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

OSD

3.3(b)(5)(6)

-- There are presently no overflights

with planes carrying nuclear weapons on board.

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons

-- US Navy ships of the line with nuclear weapons

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

entered on board

C. US Navy Nuclear Weapons Storage

-- No nuclear weapons are presently stored in

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

There are no flights with nuclear weapons being conducted at this time.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

alert flights during a crisis require the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Transit flights are authorized but are carried out infrequently. SAC nuclear overflights are,

The present authorization expires
The government level and service-to-service agreements.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)

Legal Aspects

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(1)

It provides that each annual program of overflights be cleared diplomatically, and this is done each June. The most recent exchange of notes granted approval

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Storage of air defense nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)
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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

It provided that the weapons will be transported to
and sets forth the safety and security
procedures that are to be maintained.

In an exchange of notes of

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

They remain
in US custody while being transported. Release of the
weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

They provide further de-
tails on the storage, maintenance, transport, loading, de-
livery, salvage, custody, security and control of the warheads.

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They also provide that the weapons systems will be used,

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(i)

and considers the existing
reporting arrangements satisfactory.

Consultation Arrangements

A.

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as applicable.

B.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary - concerns use of nuclear weapons anywhere in

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Operational Use

A. Strategic Strike Aircraft (SAC) - CONUS and Overseas Based.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

by the US Government.

-- If SAC goes on fractional alert during a crisis, the

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Air Defense.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

Plans currently call for such a request to be made during DEFCON 3 to facilitate dispersal operations.

C. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

D. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Since January 1, 1967

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

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-- Since January 1, 1967

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

D. US Air Force and Navy Nuclear Weapons Storage.

... were stored

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

... as of September 30, 1968.

... authorizes

dispersal of this total in FY 1969.

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

It has long been

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Ships with nuclear weapons on board visit
on the average of

Legal Aspects:

The Agreement dated

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a US oral statement that there might

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

with nuclear weapons without prior consultation.

With regard to visits to

might be formally extended to cover harbors and territorial waters. With reference to this, a State telegram stated that the U. S. would rather cancel the ship visits than alter the policy.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Operational Use:

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons or Afloat Storage

-- There is no present storage or air movement of nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- Since January 1, 1967,

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

As of

_____ were stored

_____ out of a total

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

_____ authorization for

_____ Ships with

_____ nuclear weapons aboard

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

_____ and we are committed to doing so annually.

Legal Aspects

The agreement on military facilities between the U. S.

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The U. S.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(b)

is responsible for movement of the weapons to and from
points of entry and exit and maintains continuous
custody of them. While

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(b)

which set forth the detailed
arrangements for storage, custody, movement and command
responsibilities.

Prior to 1967 the flow of information on nuclear
weapons storage to

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(b)

and this information will be updated annually.

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Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- Intra-theater flights between

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas and Afloat Storage

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

-- Visits to

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

C. U. S. Army Nuclear Weapons Storage

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

were stored as of

authorizes

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D. Tactical Strike Aircraft

-- There are no U. S. tactical strike squadrons
Under current policy, however,

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

E. Overland Movements of Nuclear Weapons Outside CONUS

-- There are no overland movements of nuclear
weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

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Summary

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

No nuclear weapons are presently stored
and none are authorized for the future. However,

Ships with nuclear weapons on board visit
on the average frequency of about

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Legal Aspects

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It has been the position of the United States neither to confirm nor deny publicly the presence of nuclear weapons

With regard to ship entry,

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(c)

Ship entry with nuclear weapons is considered a special case, however, and the "neither to confirm nor deny" policy remains in effect.

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- There is no present storage or air movement of nuclear weapons

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(c)

-- Since January 1, 1967 has been entered by US Navy ships of the line carrying nuclear weapons.

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

As of

were stored

out of a

Ships with nuclear

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

weapons on board visit

on

terminating in or transiting

average

Storage of nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

and is committed

to doing so annually.

Legal Aspects

Storage of nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

provides for

continuous U. S. custody and control of the weapons, places

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responsibility on the U.S. for movement of the weapons to points of entry and from points of exit and authorizes intra-theater redistribution as determined by SACEUR. An Army Service-to-Service Agreement of

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

covers storage, custody, movement and command responsibilities under the government level agreement. A Navy Service-to-Service agreement providing for a U.S. Navy storage site in support

has been under consideration, but has not been concluded.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

but makes no mention of nuclear weapons.

Prior to 1967, the flow of information on nuclear weapons storage to the Government had been irregular and incomplete. In November 1967, the U.S. provided the

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Government information on the types, numbers, yields and locations of the nuclear weapons stored and this information will be updated annually.

Consultation Arrangements

A. Consent agreement. 1/13/62

"In connection with the stockpiling of United States

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atomic weapons . . . it is understood that the decision to employ these weapons will be taken only in agreement with the Governments . . . and the United States of America.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

to the undertaking they have assumed in

"Since . . . procedures for the

could affect the procedures agreed in this note, it is understood that on request of either of our two Governments the procedures will be reviewed to take account of any such future . . . procedures."

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

"The procedures whereby authorities of the Government will be kept informed as to numbers of weapons scheduled for location . . . in furtherance plans will be arranged with the . . . military authorities."

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- CINGEUR intra-theater flights

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The frequency of all
such flights is

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas of Afloat Storage

-- Since

have been entered by U. S. Navy logistic ships
carrying nuclear weapons.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

-- Since

have been entered by U. S. Navy ships
of the line carrying nuclear weapons.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

C. U. S. Army and Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage

were stored as of September 21, 1968.

authorizes

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D. Overland Movement of Nuclear Weapons Outside CONUS

-- Nuclear weapons are moved overland

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

No nuclear weapons are stored
 with nuclear weapons. U. S. Navy ships
 carrying such weapons do visit ports on a regular
 basis Since public statements of

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

This Record in effect excludes

with the Government
 before "introducing" nuclear weapons.
 have not challenged our interpretation, and
 we can assume the current Government leaders are aware of
 our practices.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Legal Aspects

Under provisions of

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)

also provides in paragraph 2(c)

that:

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

of United States armed forces."

Ship Visits

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soil,
and not in the case of transiting ships carrying such
weapons.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

leaders. In
order to make certain there was no misunderstanding about
our procedures, the Ambassador raised this matter with
the _____ The U. S. Record
of this Discussion established there was common understand-
ing that the prohibition against "introduction" without
prior consultation was being interpreted by the U. S. in the
narrow sense of placing or installing nuclear weapons on
soil, but did not refer to the case of nuclear
weapons on a U. S. vessel entering _____ waters or ports.
No statement was made or implied to the Foreign Minister
that U. S. naval vessels in _____ ports carried or would
carry nuclear weapons, but they have in fact periodically
done so.

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3.3(b)

We had assumed that each succeeding _____ Government

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would appreciate this distinction, and therefore would
have a similar understanding of our practice. Unfortunately,
judging from public statements, these interpretations
of the Record of Discussion were not automatically passed ^{OSD} 3.3(b)(5)(6)
from one Administration to the next. In January 1968,
preceding the visit of the

^{OSD}
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Aerial Transits

was
intended to cover nuclear weapons on board U. S. aircraft
overflying or transiting There has been no occasion ^{OSD} 3.3(b)(5)(6)
for ascertaining whether this is also the under-
standing. However, we have indicated

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Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- Inter-theater airlift (high altitude) is routed from the

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

is not included on standard routings.

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- The following ports were entered by U. S. Navy logistic ships which were carrying nuclear weapons on board since January 1, 1967 --

-- The following ports were entered by U. S. Navy ships of the line which were carrying nuclear weapons on board since January 1, 1967 --

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

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Summary

As of September 21, 1968, were
stored out of a total authorization for

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Intra-theater flights with nuclear weapons over
average

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Ships with nuclear weapons on board visit ports
on the average

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

Legal Aspects

US overflight/storage/entry rights for nuclear weapons

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Intra-theater airlift of nuclear weapons over average

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(1)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Since January 1, 1967, _____ have been entered by US Navy ships of the line carrying nuclear weapons.

C. US Army and Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

-- _____ were stored as of _____ authorizes dispersal of a total of _____

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D. Overland Movements outside CONUS.

-- Nuclear weapons are moved overland.

by

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Helo/truck on an average

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

No nuclear weapons are stored U. S. air-
craft with nuclear weapons aboard do not overfly
and U. S. Navy ships carrying such weapons do not call at
ports. The provides.
U. S. forces broad rights of deployment in and transit to
agreed base areas. It does not refer to nuclear weapons,
but the government has said publicly in the past
that the Agreement does not permit storage of nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

The U. S. informed the Government of in
1960 that it had never stored nuclear weapons and
had no intention to do so.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

Legal Aspects

Under the

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In the latter year
the assurance would have been politically useful to the
Government only if it had been made public; however,
this would have run counter to our policy of neither con-
firming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons.

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* In 1955, State and Defense agreed, in response to a
JCS request to obtain special storage rights, that the

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Operational Use

Nuclear weapons are not now and never have been
stored U. S. aircraft carrying nuclear weapons
do not overfly No U. S. Navy ships with nuclear
weapons have called at ports since January 1, 1967.

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No nuclear weapons are stored and no overflights
with nuclear weapons are made in Furthermore,
we have no nuclear weapons arrangements or atomic energy
agreements with The Special Weapons Over-
flight Guide (SWOG) of the Air Force states that there
are no restrictions on overflight with nuclear weapons
over the territory of

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARRANGEMENTS

Summary

As of
were stored in
out of a total
Ships with nuclear weapons on board visit
on an average

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Storage of nuclear weapons in
was authorized by an exchange of diplomatic
notes of In 1967, the
was informed of the location, types and numbers of nuclear
weapons stored in and the US is committed
to updating this information annually.

OSD
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Legal Aspects

An exchange of notes of January 26, 1960 authorizes
storage of nuclear weapons in

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All of these agreements provide for continuous U.S. custody of the weapons. The US is responsible for movement of the weapons to points of exit for intra-theater distribution as determined by

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forces have the responsibility for transporting the weapons, under US custody, within

In 1966, the

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These regulations state that

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The recent reply of the

stimulated by the January 1968 Thule accident closely followed

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

Prior to 1967, the flow of information on nuclear weapons storage to Government had been irregular and incomplete. In December, 1967, the US provided information on the types, numbers, yields and locations of the nuclear weapons stored in and this information will be furnished annually.

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3.3(b)(5)

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Intra-theater airlift of nuclear weapons between

These flights

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons.

-- Since January 1, 1967 has been entered by US Navy ships of the line

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C. US Army and Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage.

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... were stored in
... as of ... authorizes
dispersal of a total of

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D. Overland Movements Outside CONUS.
-- Nuclear weapons are moved overland in
an average of

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Summary

No nuclear weapons are stored in _____ and none are projected. In addition, there have been no nuclear overflights or transits of _____

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

_____ in a message _____ in response to an inquiry concerning atomic weapons storage arrangements in _____ stated that it had been _____ policy since _____

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Ships with nuclear weapons on board enter _____ ports on the average of _____

Legal Aspects

The only relevant arrangement was the aforementioned prohibition of nuclear weapons.

OSD
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Ship entry with nuclear weapons is considered a special case, however, and the "neither to confirm nor deny" policy remains in effect.

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Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or
Afloat Storage.

-- There is no present storage or air movement of
nuclear weapons in or over territory.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(C)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or
Afloat Storage.

-- Since January 1, 1967,
have been entered by U.S. Navy
ships of the line carrying nuclear weapons at a
frequency of

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As of September 21, 1968,

by the end of FY 1969.

Since

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary

There are no nuclear weapons stored or overflown
and no storage is presently
planned for the future.. However, the question of nuclear
storage in

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

what
the U.S. position was on this matter. On
to inform that the
U.S. could neither confirm nor deny the presence

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

We also instructed the Amba-
sador to tell

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

With regards to military overflight of any kind,
the U.S. generally prefers not to request clearance from

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3.3(b)(5)(c)

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- There are no overflights with nuclear weapons over

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons.

CSD
3.3(b)(5)(c)

--

have been entered by U.S. Navy ships of the line since 1 January 1967.

C. Nuclear Weapons Storage.

-- There are no nuclear weapons stored

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Summary

As of September 21, 1968,

OSD
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out of

a

Ships

with nuclear weapons on board visit

ports

on an average

average

Overland movements of nuclear weapons in

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

average

We interpret

OSD
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However, the host

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(G)

Legal Aspects

Under Article III of

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(G)

Govern-

ment. In

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(G)

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OSD
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include except that it did not

OSD
3.3(b)(5)

However, detailed information concerning

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Government.

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Intra-theater airlift of nuclear weapons is routed from

OSD
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The frequency

OSD
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of all such flights is an average of

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Since January 1, 1967,
have been entered by U.S. Navy logistic ships
carrying nuclear weapons.

-- Since January 1, 1967,

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have been
entered by U.S. Navy ships of the line

C. U.S. Navy and Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage.

--

in

as of

September 21, 1968.

authorizes dispersal.

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

of a

D. Overland Movement of Nuclear Weapons Outside CONUS.

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The frequency of such movements

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Summary

As of September 21, 1968,

out of a total authorization

These numbers do not include

Polaris/Poseidon missiles offloaded from submarines

for

Ships with nuclear

weapons on board visit

ports on an

The

Government has

ports but

U.S. planes with nuclear weapons

aboard have not overflowed

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Legal Aspects

Under terms of the

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United States

forces

within

territory,

territorial waters or air space.

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The

to be

OSD
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with the Government.

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or
Afloat Storage.

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-- Inter-theater airlift (low altitude) is routed
from the

B. Intra-Theater Air Movements.

-- Between the

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

C. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat
Storage

--

were entered by U.S. Navy logistic

ships

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

--

were entered by U.S. Navy ships of the

line which were carrying nuclear weapons on

board since January 1, 1967.

D. U.S. Navy Nuclear Weapons Storage.

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as of September 21, 1968.

authorizes

In addition,

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officials have

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

Summary.

September 21, 1968,

out of a

Ships with nuclear

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

weapons on board visit prots on an

Overland movements of nuclear weapons

Storage, entry, and overflight with nuclear weapons is
authorized by

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

Legal Aspects

.....
provides that:

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

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In a letter dated _____ from the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Gerard Smith to the Secretary of Defense, it was stated that only

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

In a letter from Deputy Under Secretary Murphy to Assistant Secretary Sprague dated _____ it was stated that the _____ had informed the _____ of the proposed deployment of nuclear weapons.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

that:

Operational Uses

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- Airlift of nuclear weapons over _____ occurs

at a

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B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

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OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

-- Since January 1, 1967,
have been entered by U. S. Navy ships of the line and
logistics ships.

C. Air Force Weapons Storage

--
as of September 21, 1968. authorizes

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

D. Overland Movements of Nuclear Weapons outside CONUS

-- Nuclear weapons are moved overland by truck/
helo at a

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Summary

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

As of September 21, 1968,

out of

Ships with nuclear weapons

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

on board visit

Storage of nuclear weapons in

information

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

and we are committed to doing so annually.

Legal Aspects

OSD
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speci-

ficably authorizes use of

It authorizes,

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but it does not mention over-
flight with nuclear weapons.

Storage of nuclear weapons

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provide detailed arrangements for storage, custody, move-
ment and command responsibilities.

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Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- Intra-theater flights between

average

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage.

-- have been entered by US Navy logistic ships with nuclear weapons on board, since January 1, 1967.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

-- have been entered by US Navy ships of the line with nuclear weapons aboard, since January 1, 1967.

-- Visits of US Navy ships with nuclear weapons on board to ports

C. US Army Nuclear Weapons Storage.

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3.3(b)(5)(6)

-- as of September 21, 1968. authorizes

D. Tactical Strike Aircraft.

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-- Under current policy

CSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

E. Overland Movements of Nuclear Weapons Outside CONUS.

-- There are no overland movements of nuclear weapons

in

CSD
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Summary

As of September 21, 1968,

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Ships with nuclear weapons
on board visit ports an average
Overflights of by aircraft
Storage of
nuclear weapons in

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

concerning aircraft carrying radioactive material. In 1967 the US furnished the information

and we are committed to doing so annually.

Legal Aspects

Nuclear weapons are stored in

OSD
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All weapons are to remain under

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continuous US custody. It is implemented by an

and calls for 48 hours advance notice and identification of the type of cargo to be carried. There is, in addition,

CSD
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With reference to overflight rights, a telegram dated July 24, 1958, to the Secretary of State stated that wished over-flying

Headquarters USAF sent out instructions in this regard the following month and this remains present policy.

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The US is currently in the process of negotiating a storage agreement with

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and the appropriate agreements are now being negotiated.

Prior to 1967 the flow of information to the Government on nuclear weapons storage had been irregular and incomplete. In November 1967 the US provided the

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and this information will be updated annually.

Consultation Arrangements

A.

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B.

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C.

The basic understanding between the
and United States Governments, regarding the use of bases
in the by United States forces,

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

carrying nuclear weapons
of United States origin.

Procedural Annexes to

and U.S. procedures followed prior to ordering
nuclear retaliatory forces into action from the and the
U.S. are outlined in Annexes A and B. Pertinent provisions
call for (1)

(2)

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(3)

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D.

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

E. President Johnson's letter to

The President reaffirmed all of the above assurances (A through D) in his letter to [redacted] quoting the same language in an attachment. (President Kennedy had similarly reaffirmed the assurances given the [redacted] in a letter of [redacted] --The beginning of the document attached to President Johnson's letter reads as follows:

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33(b)(5)(6)

F. President Johnson's letter to

The President agreed to the following modifications in the consultation agreements:

"..."

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In another letter of the same date the President said:

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OSD
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confirm that this assumption is correct."

Operational Use

A. Air Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

-- Air Force inter-theater airlift of nuclear weapons between the

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

to

inter-theater on/off load points. The average

-- Intra-theater airlift of nuclear weapons between

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

averages

B. Sea Movement of Nuclear Weapons for Overseas or Afloat Storage

... has been entered by US Navy logistic ships with nuclear weapons on board, since January 1, 1967.

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... have been entered by US Navy ships of the line with nuclear weapons on board, since January 1, 1967.

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-- Visits by US Navy ships with nuclear weapons
on board to ports average

C. US Air Force Nuclear Weapons Storage

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

--
as of September 21, 1968. authorizes

D. Tactical Strike Aircraft

-- Under current policy

Moreover, aircraft

OSD
3.3(b)(5)(6)

E. Overland Movement of Nuclear Weapons Outside CONUS

-- There are no overland movements of nuclear
weapons in

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