

~~RESTRICTED DATA~~
AS DEFINED BY ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954
~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~ JS
AE
AF

COPY NO. 57

(LIMITED DISTRIBUTION)
(DISTRIBUTION "C")

29 December 1958

This document consist of 5 pages
of 1 C/s. Series: SA-A

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIES

to the

HOLDERS OF J.C.S. 2019/348

(DOD Maneuver of Special Munitions (←→))

In a memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 19 December 1958, subject: "SAC Maneuver of Sealed-Pit Weapons," the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy), stated:

"Reference your memorandum* to the Secretary of Defense of 8 December 1958, subject as above, inclosed is the report** to the President in the form of an information brief, submitted on 11 December 1958."

5
98-F-1123
T.S. No. 96-TS-176
Document No. 7

H. L. HILLYARD,
J. O. COBB,
Joint Secretariat.

~~FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA~~
Unauthorized disclosure subject to Administrative and Criminal Sanctions. Handle as Restricted Data in Foreign Dissemination Section 144.D., Atomic Energy Act 1954.

EXEMPTED FROM GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW
1ST REVIEW DATE: 04/20/95
AUTHORITY: 105 C.F.R. 101.118
NAME: W. Chittell
2ND REVIEW DATE: 07/27/95
REASON: ADD
(W. Chittell)
DETERMINATION (CIRCLE NUMBER(S))
1. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED
2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO: FRD
3. UNCLASSIFIED INFO
4. COORDINATE WITH: DOD
5. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
6. CLASSIFIED INFO BRACKETED
7. OTHER (S) SPECIFY:

~~RESTRICTED DATA~~
of Atomic Energy Act
of 1954. Unauthorized disclosure subject to Administrative and Criminal Sanctions.

* Enclosure to J.C.S. 2019/348
** Enclosure hereto

C7875
941030-76
7

~~TOP SECRET~~

N/H of JCS 2019/348

TOP SECRET

~~RESTRICTED DATA~~
AS DEFINED BY ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954

FOR FILE COPY

~~TOP SECRET~~

ENCLOSURE

Series "C"

SAC MANEUVER OF SEALED-PIT WEAPONS. (~~TOP SECRET RESTRICTED DATA~~)

In September the President approved* a SAC airborne alert exercise, HEAD START, utilizing B-52 aircraft. Operating from



Each aircraft flies approximately this same triangular course twice during each mission, is refueled once by a KC-135 tanker, for a total mission time of approximately 19 hours.

During the period 3 - 31 October 1958, results were as follows:

Aircraft scheduled	116
Aircraft airborne	108
Missions completed	106
Effective hours scheduled	1920:20
Effective hours realized	1783:09
Effectiveness	92.8%
Accidents/Incidents	None

* On file in Joint Secretariat

~~TOP SECRET~~
N/H JCS 2019/348

Enclosure

941030-77

57

~~TOP SECRET~~

COPY NO. _____

J.C.S. 2019/348

(LIMITED DISTRIBUTION)

8 December 1958

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

DECISION ON J.C.S. 2019/348

A Memorandum by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

on

DOD MANEUVER OF SPECIAL MUNITIONS (S)

Note by the Secretaries

1. On 5 December 1958, the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations in paragraphs 2 and 3 of J.C.S. 2019/348.
2. The memorandum in the Enclosure, dated 8 December 1958, was forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.
3. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of J.C.S. 2019/348.

EXCLUDED FROM GENERAL
DECLASSIFICATION

H. L. HILLYARD,
J. O. COBB,
Joint Secretariat.

DISTRIBUTION

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gen. Twining (C/JCS) | Gen. Wheless (Dir. Plans, Air) |
| Gen. Taylor (CSA) | Gen. Martin (DD Plans, Air) |
| Adm. Burke (CNO) | Gen. Holzapple (DD Ops Air) |
| Gen. White (CSAF) | Gen. Roberts (DC/S-P, MC) |
| Gen. Pate (CMC) | Gen. Picher (D/JS) |
| Gen. Moore (DC/S, OPS) | Adm. Wellings (DD/JS) |
| Gen. Oakes (ADC/S, OPS) | Adm. O'Beirne (J3) |
| Gen. Woolnough (Dir, PD) | Gen. Johnson (J5) |
| Gen. Pachler (Dir, OPS) | Gen. Hillyard (S/JCS) |

941034-78



~~TOP SECRET~~

COPY NO. 067
(LIMITED DISTRIBUTION)

J.C.S. 2019/348

25 November 1958

Pages 1848 - 1849, incl.

MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. AIR FORCE

for the
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
on

EXCLUDED FROM GENERAL
DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

DOD MANEUVER OF SPECIAL MUNITIONS (S)

CSAFM 346-58

22 November 1958

1. Contained within the Presidential approval for SAC maneuvers 1
with sealed-pit weapons,* is a request for periodic submissions to 2
the President's briefing book of the progress of the airborne 3
exercises. The enclosed memorandum for the Secretary of Defense 4
represents the first such progress report. Within the proposed 5
memorandum is a request that the Secretary of Defense submit the 6
information for the President's briefing book. 7
2. I recommend that the Joint Chiefs of Staff forward the 8
memorandum in the Enclosure hereto to the Secretary of Defense. 9
3. It is recommended that this paper NOT be distributed 10
to commanders of unified or specified commands. 11

(b)(1)

DISTRIBUTION

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gen. Twining (C/JCS) | Gen. Martin (Actg. Dir. Plans, Air) |
| Gen. Taylor (CSA) | Gen. Martin (DD Plans, Air) |
| Adm. Burke (CNO) | Gen. Holzapple (DD Ops Air) |
| Gen. White (CSAF) | Gen. Roberts (DC/S-P, MC) |
| Gen. Pate (CMC) | Gen. Picher (D/JS) |
| Gen. Moore (DC/S, OPS) | Adm. Wellings (DD J/S) |
| Gen. Oakes (ADC/S, OPS) | Adm. O'Beirne (J3) |
| Gen. Woolnough (Dir, PD) | Gen. Johnson (J5) |
| Gen. Pachler (Dir, OPS) | Gen. Hillyard (S/JCS) |
| Adm. Dennison (DCNO-P&P) | Capt. Cobb (DS/JCS) |
| Adm. Pirlie (DCNO-Air) | Secys, JSSC |
| Adm. Miller (ACNO-P&P) | Secys, J3 |
| Adm. Sharp (Op60) | Secys, J5 |
| Gen. LeMay (VCSAF) | Secys, J1/J4 |
| Gen. Gerhart (DC/S-P&P) | Gen. Anderson (AFOAT) |

~~TOP SECRET~~
JCS 2019/348

- 1848 -

J.C.S. FILE COPY

941030-79

ENCLOSURE

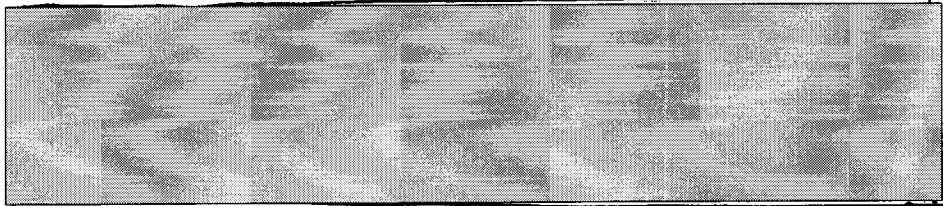
DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: SAC Maneuver of Sealed-Pit Weapons (~~S/AD~~)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum* for the Chairman, 1
Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 29 September 1958, subject as 2
above, wherein you outlined the Presidential approval** for 3
SAC airborne alert exercises. This memorandum also contained 4
a request for periodic submissions to the President's briefing 5
book of the progress of the airborne exercises. The infor- 6
mation contained herein represents the first submission of the 7
progress reports.

2. Operation HEAD START is an airborne alert exercise 8
utilizing B-52 aircraft. Operating from (b)(1) 9



Each aircraft flies approximately this same triangular course 14
twice during each mission, is refueled once by a KC-135 tanker, 15
for a total mission time of approximately 19 hours. 16

3. Pursuant to the Presidential approval, operation HEAD 17
START was commenced with sealed-pit weapons on 3 October 1958. 18
During the period 3 - 31 October 1958, results were as follows: 19

- a. Aircraft Scheduled - 116 20
- b. Aircraft Airborne - 108 21
- c. Missions Completed - 106 22
- d. Effective Hours Scheduled - 1920:20 23
- e. Effective Hours Realized - 1783:09 24
- f. Effectiveness - 92.8% 25
- g. Accidents/Incidents - None 26

4. It is requested that the above information be submitted 27
for the President's briefing book. 28

*Enclosure to J.C.S. 2019/338

**On file in Joint Secretariat (Memo DATED 9/12/58 ENCL. To MEMO #20
DATED 9/12/58, WITH THE ATEN. 2019/338)

Enclosure

S