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Presidential Directive/NSC-47

TO: The Vice President
 The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Secretary of Energy
 The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: US/Foreign Programs of Cooperation Involving
 Nuclear Weapons (S)(u)

The President has approved the following policy and procedures governing establishment of nuclear Programs of Cooperation (POCs) with other nations. This directive supersedes NSAM 197. (S)(u)

Policy. Any proposed POC involving (1) the deployment of nuclear weapons to support the forces of another nation, (2) the sale or transfer of nuclear-capable delivery vehicles that are intended to be used to deliver nuclear weapons, and/or (3) the communication of Restricted or Formerly Restricted Data (under Section 144b of the Atomic Energy Act); will be submitted to the President for his approval in principle prior to its being formally broached with the cooperating nation. No impression that the US intends to support the cooperating nation with nuclear capabilities will be given until after the President approves the POC in principle. (S)(u)

The actions prescribed in this directive are additive to those described in sections 91, 123 and 144b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. Sections 2121, 2153, 2164 (1970 & Supp. V 1975), and Executive Order 10841 of September 30, 1959, as amended. No cooperation under the Act will be commenced and no Restricted or Formerly Restricted Data will be communicated until the requirements of the Act, the Executive Order, and this directive have been met, whether or not other POCs with the cooperating nation are in force. (S)(u)

Procedures. After the requirements of section 123 of the Act have been met, the Department of Defense will submit to the President a description of the proposed POC that includes: its objectives; its relationship to current plans and

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deployments, and to any other POCs that exist between the US and the cooperating nation; its related force structure objectives; its proposed implementation schedule; and its political implications. (The description will be accompanied by the views of the Departments of State and Energy, as appropriate.) (S) (u)

After the President approves the POC in principle, formal negotiations with the cooperating nation may be initiated by DOD to refine and establish the POC. For POCs with NATO countries, the Supreme Allied Commander (SACEUR, SACLANT, or CINC Channel) directly affected by the POC will -- with the concurrence of the cooperating nation -- be asked to provide the Secretary of Defense a NATO assessment of the nuclear capabilities that ought to be included in the POC. (S) (u)

Any major change in the scope of a POC that results from negotiations with the cooperating nation or from the assessment of the affected NATO Commander will be submitted to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for approval. Upon completion of negotiations with the cooperating nation, any technical arrangements (e.g., custodial procedures) necessary to support the POC may be negotiated. (S) (u)

Implementation. After a POC is approved in principle, the actual deployment of weapons in support of the POC must be approved by the President for implementation as part of the annual Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization plan, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant his separate review. Any sale or transfer of nuclear-capable delivery vehicles in support of a POC must be approved by the President for implementation in accordance with PD/NSC-13. (S) (u)



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