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SUBJECT: B53 REQUIREMENTS {U}

REF: YOUR MSG, 191551Z FEB 87 {U}

1. {U} THE REFERENCED MESSAGE POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING B53 ALERT REQUIREMENTS. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE IS BASED ON OUR STAFFING TO DATE.

2. ~~{S/FRD}~~ THE FIRST QUESTION ADDRESSED THE REQUIREMENT FOR ALFA ALERT. IN ORDER TO HOLD SELECTED DEEPLY BURIED TARGETS AT RISK IN ALL SCENARIOS, A DAY-TO-DAY ALERT CAPABILITY IS REQUIRED. THE CURRENT CAPABILITY WILL BE LOST WHEN THE LAST TITAN II ICBM IS DEACTIVATED IN JUN 87. THEREFORE, A B53 ALFA ALERT CAPABILITY MUST BE DEVELOPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. ~~{S/FRD}~~ WEAPONS WHICH ARE NOT UTILIZED IN AN ALFA ALERT ROLE MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR FOLLOW-ON CHARLIE AND FOXTROT ALERT. IN

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ADDITION TO OPERATIONS INVOLVING SORTIE GENERATION DURING TIMES OF CRISIS/ADVANCED DEFCON OR WARTIME OPERATIONS, NON-ALFA ALERT BSES MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR PEACETIME OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE GENERATION FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTIONS AND TESTING.

4. ~~(S/FRD)~~ IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION, "HOW MANY BSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALFA ALERT OR OTHER POSTURES AND WHEN WILL THEY BE REQUIRED?", THE FOLLOWING DATA IS PROVIDED:

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USC 2168
a.1.c*

5. ~~(S/FRD)~~ ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DEFINITION DEPENDING ON THE ABILITY TO LOCATE AND SUFFICIENTLY CHARACTERIZE THE PROJECTED GROWTH OF THE DEEPLY BURIED TARGET SET. THESE NEEDS ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO THE ABILITY TO FIELD A SUITABLE EARTH-PENETRATING WEAPON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. ~~(S/FRD)~~ AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE, A REQUIREMENT EXISTS

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FOR B53 ALFA ALERT IN FY87. HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY CHAIRMAN, NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE AS OUTLINED IN YOUR MESSAGE, B53 LOADING ON ALFA ALERT AIRCRAFT IS NOT PLANNED. PENDING COMPLETION OF THE AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL SAFETY REVIEW AND FINAL DECISION ON A STOCKPILE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE B53, THESE WEAPONS WILL BE USED IN A GENERATED CHARLIE/FOXTROT ROLE.

7. {U} POC IS MAJOR WILLIAMS OR MAJOR NUN, X0BB, AV 271-6668.

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