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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

November 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BROMLEY SMITH, WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in  
Emergency Conditions (Code Name FURTHERANCE) (S)

Attached are copies of the implementing directives which the Joint Chiefs of Staff have issued on the basis of the updated FURTHERANCE instructions signed by the President on October 15, 1968. As indicated, the updated instructions will become effective when directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed. I will advise you of this effective date.

*Carl Walske*

Carl Walske  
Assistant to the Secretary  
of Defense (Atomic Energy)

Attachments 9  
SM-681-68 through SM-689-68,  
dated October 23, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CONTINENTAL AIR  
DEFENSE COMMAND

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of  
Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-319-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.

2. A semiannual report, as of 1 January and 1 July, of the sighting of this document is required and will be forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, citing this SM and marked for his personal attention. In addition, Authorizing Commanders are requested to submit to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, changes of personnel having access to this project in order that a current roster in the OJCS can be maintained.

3. Copies of the enclosure to this memorandum are held by the Commanders-in-Chief listed in paragraph 1 of Enclosure A, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

4. In regard to the air defense of the United States, its territories and possessions, your authority continues to be that granted you pursuant to the "Authorization for the Expenditure of Atomic Weapons in Air Defense" approved by the President 19 April 1956, and the "Policy Statement on Interception and Engagement of Hostile Aircraft" approved 24 September 1952. This Authority

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was implemented in accordance with the revised "Interception and Engagement Instructions and Procedures" dated 7 December 1956 with follow-on "Presidential Policy" providing guidance and instructions for the release and employment of "Nuclear Air Defense Weapons" dated 17 September 1965. The authority contained in Enclosure A hereto is in addition to that described immediately above.

5. The authority granted Authorizing Commanders under Situation I (paragraph 3a, page 1, enclosure A) will not be delegated within a command. For example, if CINCONAD is not personally available, then the personal authority passes successively to the next listed available commander predicated upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A. However, should all of the CINCs personally not be available, then the authority passes successively to the senior command based upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A. In view of the foregoing, it is considered appropriate that either your deputy or your senior commander have access to FURTHERANCE (S) to accommodate the situation wherein the level of Authorizing Commanders is below the CINCs themselves. This can be accomplished by exercising the authority contained in paragraph 2, page 14, Appendix B to Enclosure A which states that knowledge of the advanced authorization is limited to you, your U. S. Deputy or Chief of Staff, the next senior commander whose headquarters is physically separated from you and one secretary in your headquarters who shall be a member of the military service.

6. Enclosure B hereto, is a Resume' of US-Foreign Nuclear Agreements current as of 8 October 1968.

Signed

JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Secretary

Enclosures:

- A. Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)
- B. Resume' of US-Foreign Nuclear Agreements (Current as of 8 October 1968)

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, STRATEGIC AIR  
COMMAND

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-320-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.

2. A semiannual report, as of 1 January and 1 July, of the sighting of this document is required and will be forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, citing this SM and marked for his personal attention. In addition, Authorizing Commanders are requested to submit to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, changes of personnel having access to this project in order that a current roster in the OJCS can be maintained.

3. Copies of the enclosure to this memorandum are held by the Commanders-in-Chief listed in paragraph 1 of Enclosure A, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

4. The authority granted Authorizing Commanders under Situation I (paragraph 3a, page 1, enclosure A) will not be delegated within a command. For example, if CINCONAD is not personally available, then the personal authority passes successively to the next listed available commander predicated upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A.

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In view of the foregoing, it is considered appropriate that either your deputy or your senior commander have access to FURTHERANCE (S) to accommodate the situation wherein the level of Authorizing Commanders is below the CINCs themselves. This can be accomplished by exercising the authority contained in paragraph 2, page 14, Appendix B to Enclosure A which states that knowledge of the advanced authorization is limited to you, your U. S. Deputy or Chief of Staff, the next senior commander whose headquarters is physically separated from you and one secretary in your headquarters who shall be a member of the military service.

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JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ATLANTIC

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-321-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.

2. A semiannual report, as of 1 January and 1 July, of the sighting of this document is required and will be forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, citing this SM and marked for his personal attention. In addition, Authorizing Commanders are requested to submit to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, changes of personnel having access to this project in order that a current roster in the OJCS can be maintained.

3. Copies of the enclosure to this memorandum are held by the Commanders-in-Chief listed in paragraph 1 of Enclosure A, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

4. In regard to the air defense of the United States, its territories and possessions, your authority continues to be that granted you pursuant to the "Authorization for the Expenditure of Atomic Weapons in Air Defense" approved by the President 19 April 1956 and the "Policy Statement on Interception and Engagement of Hostile Aircraft" approved 24 September 1952.

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This authority was implemented in accordance with the revised "Interception and Engagement Instructions and Procedures" dated 7 December 1956. The authority contained in Enclosure A hereto is in addition to that prescribed immediately above.

5. The authority granted Authorizing Commanders under Situation I (paragraph 3a, page 1, enclosure A) will not be delegated within a command. For example, if CINCONAD is not personally available, then the personal authority passes successively to the next listed available commander predicated upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A. However, should all of the CINCs personally not be available, then the authority passes successively to the senior command based upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A. In view of the foregoing, it is considered appropriate that either your deputy or your senior commander have access to FURTHERANCE (S) to accommodate the situation wherein the level of Authorizing Commanders is below the CINCs themselves. This can be accomplished by exercising the authority contained in paragraph 2, page 14, Appendix B to Enclosure A which states that knowledge of the advanced authorization is limited to you, your U. S. Deputy or Chief of Staff, the next senior commander whose headquarters is physically separated from you and one secretary in your headquarters who shall be a member of the military service.

6. Enclosure B hereto, is a Resume' of US-Foreign Nuclear Agreements current as of 8 October 1968.

Signed

JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-322-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.

2. A semiannual report, as of 1 January and 1 July, of the sighting of this document is required and will be forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, citing this SM and marked for his personal attention. In addition, Authorizing Commanders are requested to submit to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, changes of personnel having access to this Project in the order that a current roster in the OJCS can be maintained.

3. Copies of Enclosure A to this memorandum are held by the Commanders-in-Chief listed in paragraph 1 of Enclosure A, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

4. In regard to the air defense of the United States, its territories and possessions, your authority continues to be that granted you pursuant to the "Authorization for the Expenditure of Atomic Weapons in Air Defense" approved by the President 19 April 1956 and the "Policy Statement on Interception and Engagement of Hostile Aircraft" approved 24 September 1952. This authority was implemented in accordance with the revised "Interception and Engagement Instructions and Procedures"

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dated 7 December 1956. The authority contained in Enclosure A hereto is in addition to that prescribed immediately above.

5. The authority granted Authorizing Commanders under Situation I (paragraph 3a, page 1, enclosure A) will not be delegated within a command. For example, if CINCONAD is not personally available, then the personal authority passes successively to the next listed available commander predicated upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A. However, should all of the CINCs personally not be available, then the authority passes successively to the senior command based upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A. In view of the foregoing, it is considered appropriate that either your Deputy or your senior commander have access to FURTHERANCE (S) to accommodate the situation wherein the level of Authorizing Commanders is below the CINCs themselves. This can be accomplished by exercising the authority contained in paragraph 2, page 14, Appendix B to Enclosure A which states that knowledge of the advanced authorization is limited to you, your U. S. Deputy or Chief of Staff, the next senior commander whose headquarters is physically separated from you and one secretary in your headquarters who shall be a member of the military service.

6. Enclosure B hereto, is a Resume' of US-Foreign Nuclear Agreements current as of 8 October 1968.

**Signed**

JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR U. S. COMMANDER IN CHIEF, EUROPE

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: CM-2180-67, dated 14 March 1967

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the Enclosure to the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier. You will maintain CM-2180-67, dated 14 March 1967 as Enclosure C to this SM, since the additional access authorization outlined in paragraph one of CM-2180-67 is still in effect.

2. A semiannual report, as of 1 January and 1 July, of the sighting of this document is required and will be forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, citing this SM and marked for his personal attention. In addition, Authorizing Commanders are requested to submit to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, changes of personnel having access to this project in order that a current roster in the OJCS can be maintained.

3. Copies of the enclosure to this memorandum are held by the Commanders-in-Chief listed in paragraph 1 of Enclosure A, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

4. The authority granted Authorizing Commanders under Situation I (paragraph 3a, page 1, enclosure A) will not be delegated within a command. For example, if CINCONAD is not personally available, then the personal authority passes successively to the next listed available commander predicated upon the order of precedence contained in paragraph 3a(1), page 1, Enclosure A.

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**Signed**

JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Secretary

Enclosures:

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- C. CM-2180-67, dated 14 March 1967 (less enclosure)

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY U. S. COMMANDER IN CHIEF,  
EUROPE

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-323-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersedes the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.

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3. Copies of the enclosure to this memorandum are held by the Commanders-in-Chief listed in paragraph 1 of Enclosure A, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

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5. Enclosure C hereto, is a copy of the memorandum forwarded to the Commander in Chief, Europe which is provided for your information only.

Signed

JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ALASKAN COMMAND

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-324-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.
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4. In regard to the air defense of the United States, its territories and possessions, your authority continues to be that granted you pursuant to the "Authorization for the Expenditure of Atomic Weapons in Air Defense" approved by the President 19 April 1956 and the "Policy Statement on Interception and Engagement of Hostile Aircraft" approved 24 September 1952. This authority

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**Signed**

JAMES A. SHANNON  
Brigadier General, USAF  
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. SOUTHERN  
COMMAND

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-325-64, dated 15 April 1964

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4. In regard to the air defense of the United States, its territories and possessions, your authority continues to be that granted you pursuant to the "Authorization for the Expenditure of Atomic Weapons in Air Defense" approved by the President 19 April 1956 and the "Policy Statement on Interception and Engagement of Hostile Aircraft" approved 24 September 1952. This authority

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**Signed**

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, STRIKE COMMAND/  
U. S. COMMANDER IN CHIEF, MIDDLE EAST,  
SOUTHERN ASIA AND AFRICA, SOUTH OF  
THE SAHARA

Subject: Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear  
Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)

Reference: SM-326-64, dated 15 April 1964

1. The instructions in the enclosure hereto which supersede the instructions by the reference are forwarded for your use to be effective once all designated Authorizing Commanders have been briefed by the Joint Staff. Upon completion of these briefings, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will advise you as to the specific effective date of the enclosed instructions at which time the reference will be destroyed in your presence and a certificate of destruction forwarded to the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff by officer courier.

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