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

December 30, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BROMLEY SMITH, WHITE HOUSE

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

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated November 14, 1968, which furnished copies of the implementing directives which the Joint Chiefs of Staff have issued on the basis of the updated FURTHERANCE instructions. As I indicated, these updated instructions were to become effective when directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after all Authorizing Commanders had been briefed and the necessary new emergency action team at CINCONAD had been positioned.

As set forth in the attachments, the updated FURTHERANCE instructions became effective at [REDACTED]

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Carl Walske

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

Attachments 11
SM-768-68 thru
SM-776-68 (Cy 1B of each)
JCS Msg 3397
JCS Msg 6498

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E.O. 12958, as amended, Sect 3.5
NLN 06-A-03/19 per sec. 3.3(b)(8) per Hr. 7/22/2009
By JMR NARA, Date 1/7/2010
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SM-768-68

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, STRATEGIC AIR
COMMAND

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

1. Reference is made to:

a. SM-682-68, dated 23 October 1968, Subject: "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions." (Revised Instructions for Project FURTHERANCE) (S).

b. JCS Outgoing Message 3397, DTG 181852Z OCT '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

c. JCS Outgoing Message 6498, DTG 272010Z NOV '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

2. On 24 October 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of reference 1a, has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-320-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of reference 1a.

3. As you recall, during the 24 October briefing, a [REDACTED] which was developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was discussed. This [REDACTED] represents an essential ingredient for the [REDACTED] since your staff must understand the [REDACTED] established under [REDACTED] without [REDACTED]

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4. [redacted] was developed to serve no purpose other than as a [redacted]. However, any correspondence addressing the [redacted] should not be related to [redacted] due to the [redacted]. Therefore, the JCS message, reference 1c, which provided you the effective date of the [redacted] did not refer to [redacted] but emphasized the requirement for a concept to provide an Alternate Method for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans in the event [redacted].

Signed

JAMES A. SHANNON
Brigadier General, USAF
Secretary

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SM-769-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CONTINENTAL AIR
DEFENSE COMMAND

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

1. Reference is made to:

a. SM-681-68; dated 23 October 1968, Subject: "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions." (Revised Instructions for Project FURTHERANCE) (S).

b. JCS Outgoing Message 3397, DTG 181852Z OCT '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

c. JCS Outgoing Message 6498, DTG 272010Z NOV '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

2. On 25 October 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of reference 1a, has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-319-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of reference 1a.

3. As you recall, during the 25 October briefing, a [REDACTED] which was developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was discussed. This [REDACTED] represents an essential ingredient for the [REDACTED] since your [REDACTED] established staff must understand the [REDACTED] under [REDACTED] without [REDACTED]

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4. [redacted] was developed to serve no purpose other than as a [redacted]. However, any correspondence addressing the [redacted] should not be related to [redacted] due to the [redacted]. Therefore, the JCS message, reference 1c, which provided you the effective date of the [redacted] did not refer to [redacted] but emphasized the requirement for a concept to provide an Alternate Method for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans in the event [redacted].

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Signed

JAMES A. SHANNON
Brigadier General, USAF
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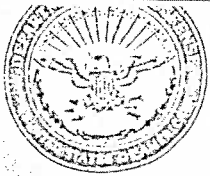
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SM-770-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ATLANTIC

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

1. Reference is made to:

a. SM-683-68, dated 23 October 1968, Subject: "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions." (Revised Instructions for Project FURTHERANCE) (S).

b. JCS Outgoing Message 3397, DTG 181852Z OCT '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

c. JCS Outgoing Message 6498, DTG 272010Z NOV '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

2. On 4 November 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of reference 1a, has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-321-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of reference 1a.

3. As you recall, during the 4 November briefing, a [REDACTED] which was developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was discussed. This [REDACTED] represents an essential ingredient for the [REDACTED] since your staff must understand the [REDACTED] established under [REDACTED] without [REDACTED]

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SM-771-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

1. Reference is made to:

a. SM-684-68, dated 23 October 1968, Subject: "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions." (Revised Instructions for Project FURTHERANCE) (S).

b. JCS Outgoing Message 3397, DTG 181852Z OCT '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

c. JCS Outgoing Message 6498, DTG 272010Z NOV '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

2. On 5 November 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of reference 1a, has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-322-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 or reference 1a.

3. As you recall, during the 5 November briefing, a [REDACTED] which was developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was discussed. This represents an essential ingredient for the [REDACTED] since your [REDACTED] established staff must understand the [REDACTED] under [REDACTED] without [REDACTED]

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4. [redacted] was developed to serve no purpose other than as a [redacted]. However, any correspondence addressing the [redacted] should not be related to [redacted] due to the [redacted]. Therefore, the JCS message, reference lc, which provided you the effective date of the [redacted] did not refer to [redacted] but emphasized the requirement for a concept to provide an Alternate Method for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans in the event [redacted].

Signed

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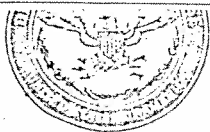
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SM-772-68

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MEMORANDUM FOR U. S. COMMANDER IN CHIEF, EUROPE

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

1. Reference is made to:

a. SM-685-68, dated 23 October 1968, Subject: "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions." (Revised Instructions for Project FURTHERANCE) (S).

b. JCS Outgoing Message 3397, DTG 181852Z OCT '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

c. JCS Outgoing Message 6498, DTG 272010Z NOV '68, Subject: "Alternate Methods for Executing the SIOP and General War Plans (U)."

2. On 28 October 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, was briefed to you during your visit to Washington. On 31 October 1968, the revised version was delivered and briefed to your Chief of Staff. At the time of your briefing, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), reference 1a, would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of reference 1a has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that the enclosures to CM-2180-67 be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of reference 1a.

3. As you recall, during the 28 October briefing, a [REDACTED] which was developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was discussed. This [REDACTED] represents an essential ingredient for the [REDACTED] since your staff must understand the [REDACTED] established under [REDACTED] without [REDACTED]

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Signed

JAMES A. SHANNON
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SM-773-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY U. S. COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
EUROPE

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

1. Reference is made to SM-686-68, dated 23 October 1968, Subject: "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions (S)." (Revised Instructions for Project FURTHERANCE)

2. On 30 October 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), referenced above, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S) would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of the reference has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-323-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of the reference.

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

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JAMES A. SHANNON
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Enclosure:

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SM-774-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ALASKAN COMMAND

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

Reference: SM-687-68, dated 23 October 1968

1. On 19 November 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), referenced above, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S) would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of the reference has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-324-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of the reference.

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SM-775-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. SOUTHERN
COMMAND

Subject: FURTHERANCE (S)

Reference: SM-688-68, dated 23 October 1968

1. On 21 November 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), referenced above, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S) would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of the reference has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-325-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of the reference.

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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: FURTHERANCE (S)

Reference: SM-689-68, dated 23 October 1968

1. On 4 November 1968, a revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S), referenced above, was delivered and briefed to you. At that time, you were advised that the specific effective date of the revised version of Project FURTHERANCE (S) would be forwarded to you when established. The effective date of the reference has been established and will be [REDACTED]. Subsequent to this date, it is requested that SM-326-64 with its enclosures be destroyed in accordance with the procedures outlined in paragraph 1 of the reference.

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SUBJ: ALTERNATE METHODS FOR EXECUTING THE SIOP AND
GENERAL WAR PLANS (U)

REFS: A. SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN;

B. EMERGENCY ACTION PROCEDURES - SM-263-67

1. (TS) THE [REDACTED] ARE CHARGED WITH
EXECUTING THE [REDACTED]

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3. {TTS} THIS AUTHORITY WILL NOT BE [REDACTED]

IF [REDACTED] PERSONALLY IS UNABLE TO ACT FOR THE PERSONAL AUTHORITY PASSES SUCCESSIVELY TO THE NEXT [REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

4. {TTS} THE [REDACTED] REQUIRED BY [REDACTED] WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE [REDACTED]

5. {U} THE PROCEDURE IN PARAGRAPH 2 IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY AT THIS TIME AND WILL BECOME

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SUBJ: ALTERNATE METHODS FOR EXECUTING THE SIOP
AND GENERAL WAR PLANS {U}

REF: JCS 3397/181852Z OCT 68.

1. {TS} BY THE REFERENCE, PROCEDURES WERE
ESTABLISHED, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY, FOR THE
EXECUTION OF THE [REDACTED] BY

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