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July 18, 1972

National Security Decision Memorandum 178

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: FY 1973 Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization

The President has approved the Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization Plan for FY 1973 contained in the Department of Defense memorandum dated May 11, 1972.

The President agrees that the number of weapons shown reflect year-end authorizations with specific conditional deployments treated on a separate basis and that actual deployments against these authorizations will be controlled by the Secretary of Defense.

Any significant changes contemplated in actual overseas deployments within these authorizations should be submitted to the President for approval. The Secretary of Defense is authorized reasonable flexibility to manage and alter overseas nuclear weapons stockpile quantities during the course of the year as may be required by logistical considerations.

The President authorizes the Secretary of Defense in FY 1973 to:

1. Deploy nuclear weapons in the United States without limitation.
2. Deploy nuclear weapons to areas outside the United States up to the limits indicated in Appendices A, B, and C, hereto, with the provisions that:
  - a. The end-FY 1973 total deployment authorization for each separate foreign country within each region and afloat (Appendix A), and the total authorization by category of weapon for each region and afloat (Appendix B) may not be exceeded by more than 10% in the event of unforeseen contingencies unless approved by the President.

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b. Weapons to be deployed under the specific conditions cited in Appendix C may be deployed as additive to existing authorizations for countries, regions and outside the U.S., except that:

(1) Deployments of 155 mm projectiles for support of non-U.S. NATO units will be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the authorization for these weapons with U.S. forces in West Germany.

(2) The Secretary of Defense will determine at the appropriate time whether deployments in support of the Atomic Demolition Munition Program of Cooperation should be accompanied by corresponding increases in the total number of these weapons in NATO Europe.

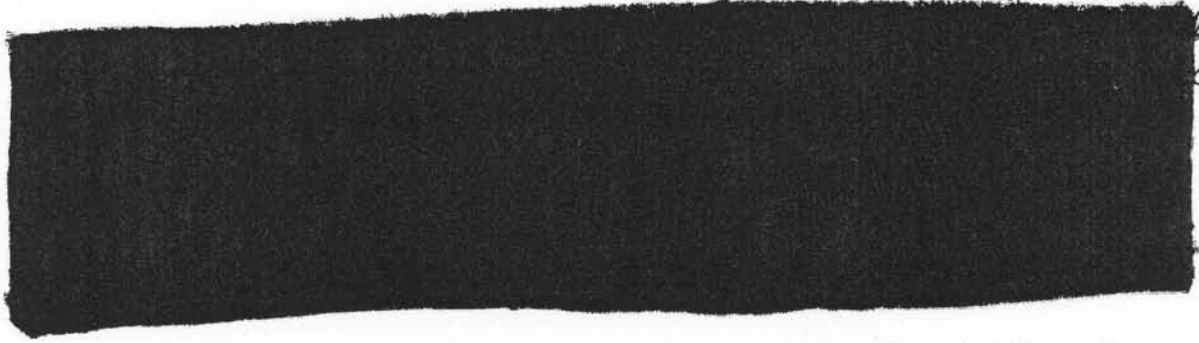
3. Support non-U.S. forces in accordance with the units and numbers of weapons indicated in Appendix D hereto, subject to the following conditions:

a. The provisions of NSAM 197 and NSAM 143, as amended by NSAM 370, concerning additional support for non-U.S. forces, continue to apply.

b. Programs of Cooperation remain essentially the same as when Presidential approval was given.

c. Custodial arrangements and facilities requirements of NSAM 370 continue to apply.

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The deployment authorization request for FY 1974 and projections for FY 1975 should be submitted for the President's approval in February, 1973, together with the stockpile approval request. In addition to the

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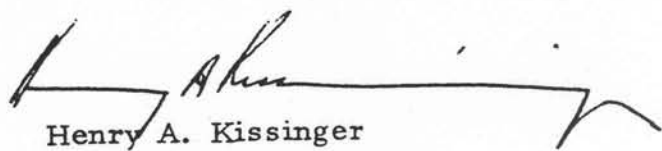
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type of information presented in Appendix A through E of the Secretary of Defense's FY 1973 deployment request, rationale should be provided for any significant changes in overseas or afloat deployments requested for FY 1974 or projected for FY 1975. The rationale should include a discussion of military objectives and capabilities affected by any such changes in proposed deployments. For new weapons systems requested to be deployed in support of U.S. or Allied forces during this period, the total deployment program and schedule should be shown.

  
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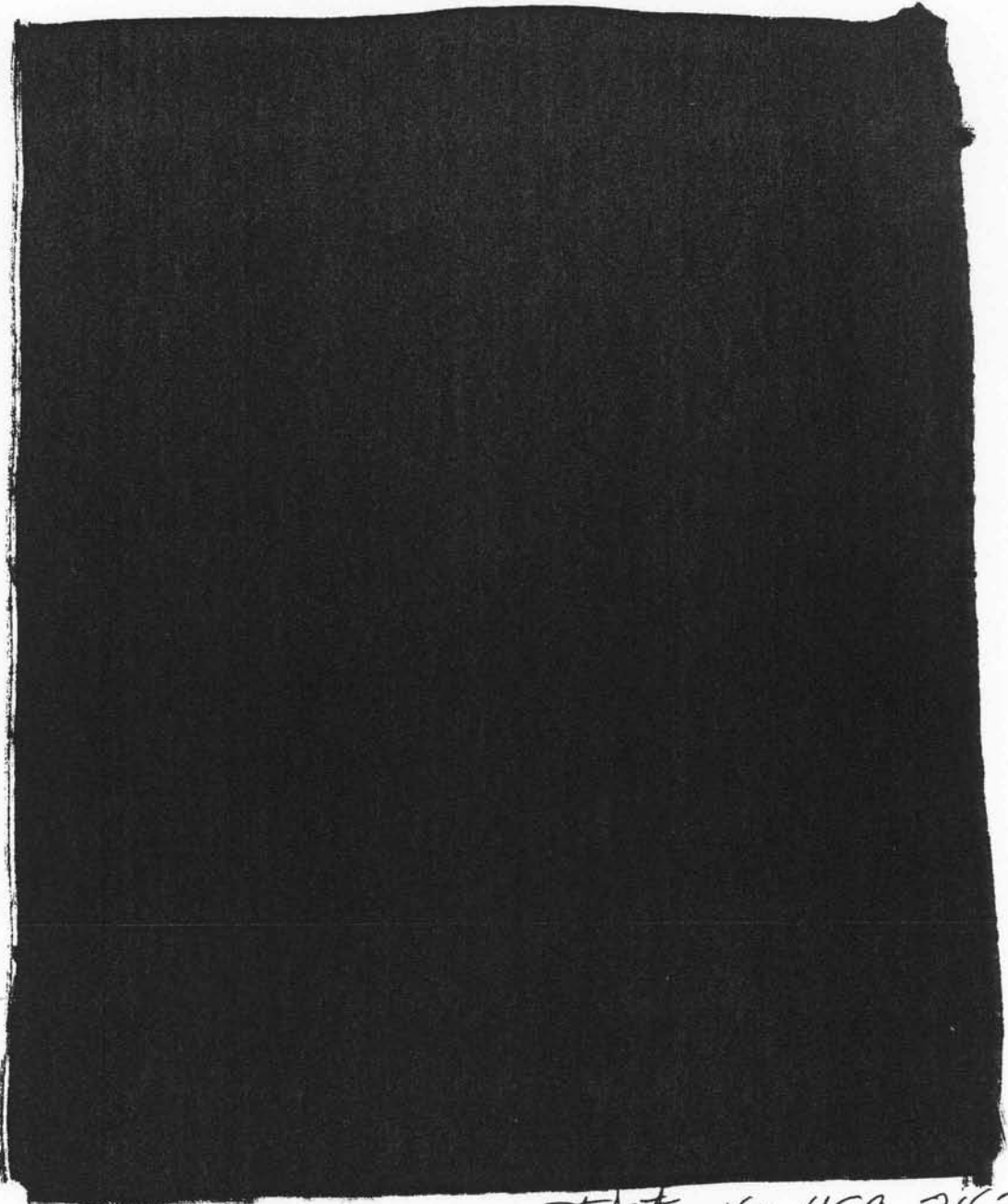
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APPENDIX A

NUCLEAR WEAPON DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS



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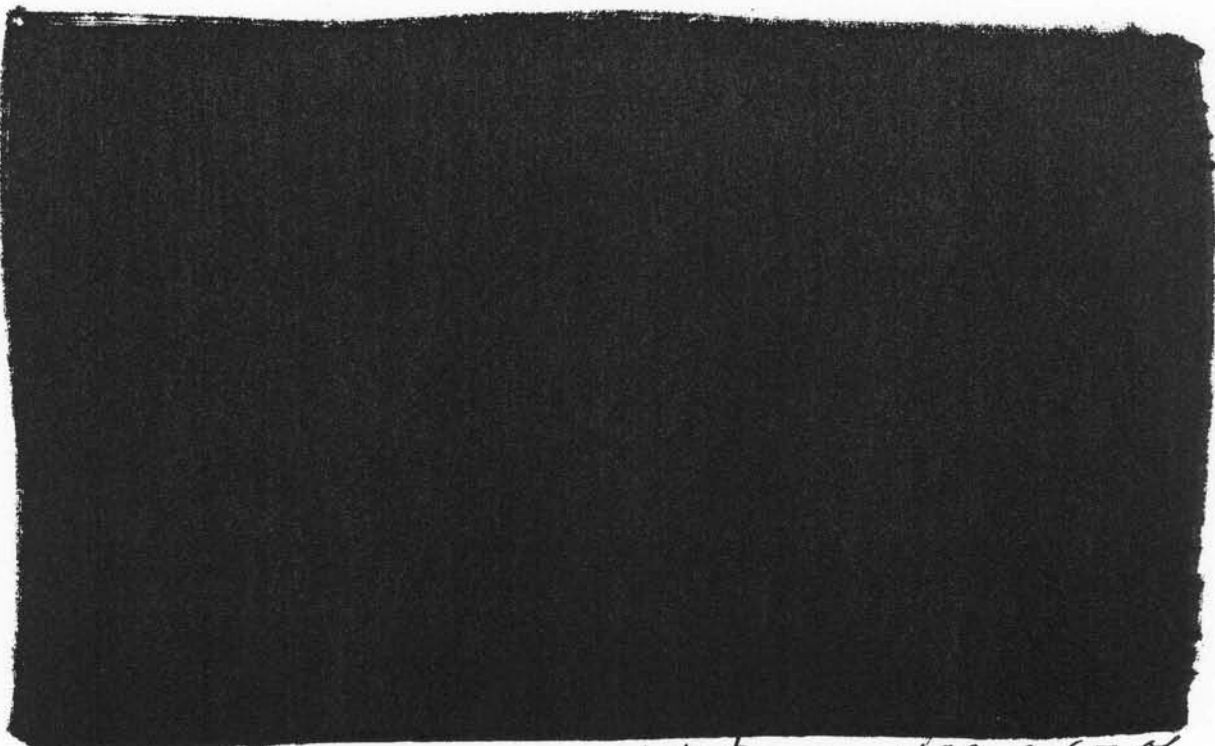
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APPENDIX B

NUCLEAR WEAPON DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

BY CATEGORY OF WEAPON - FY 1973



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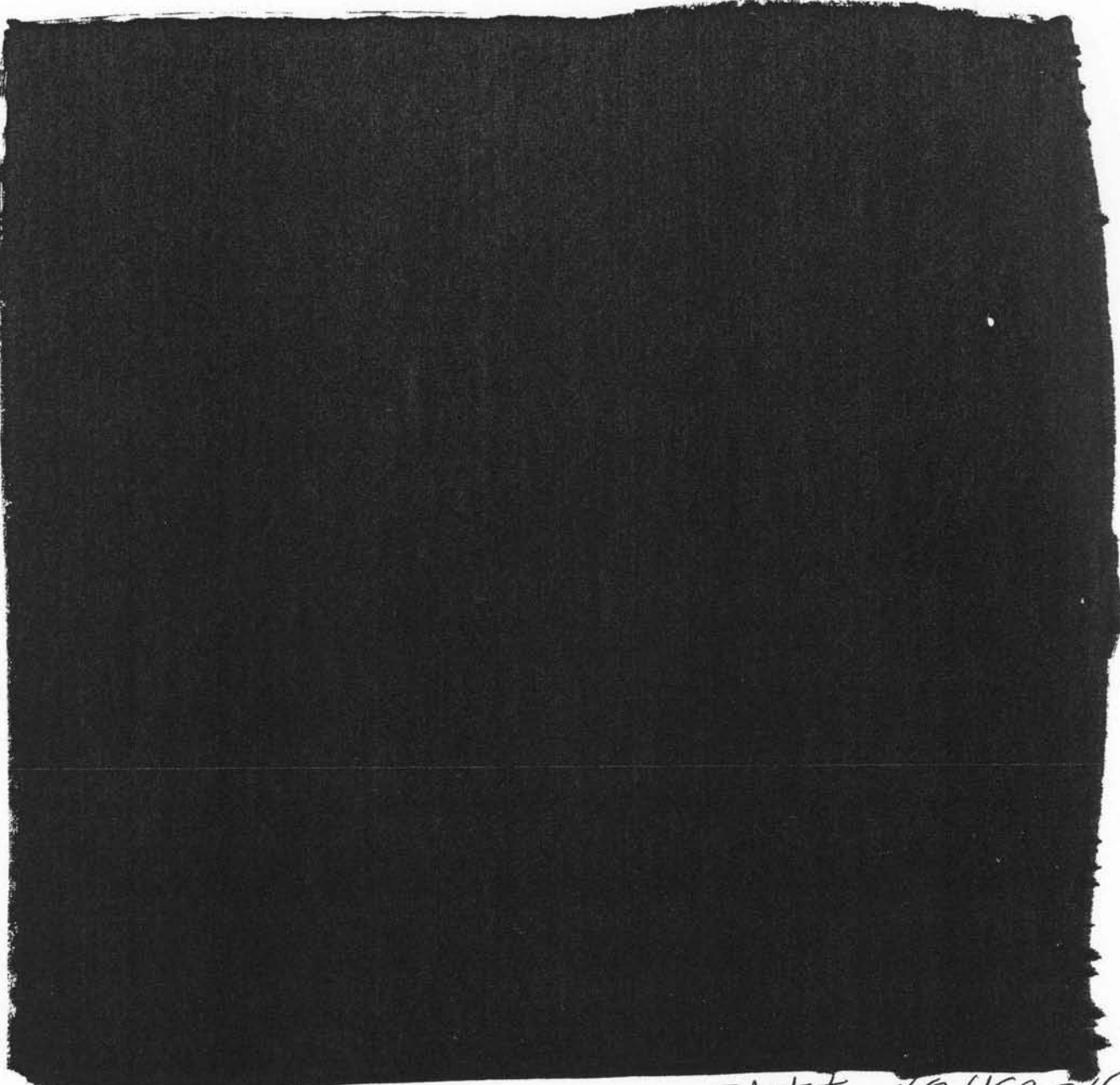
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APPENDIX C

CONDITIONAL DEPLOYMENTS  
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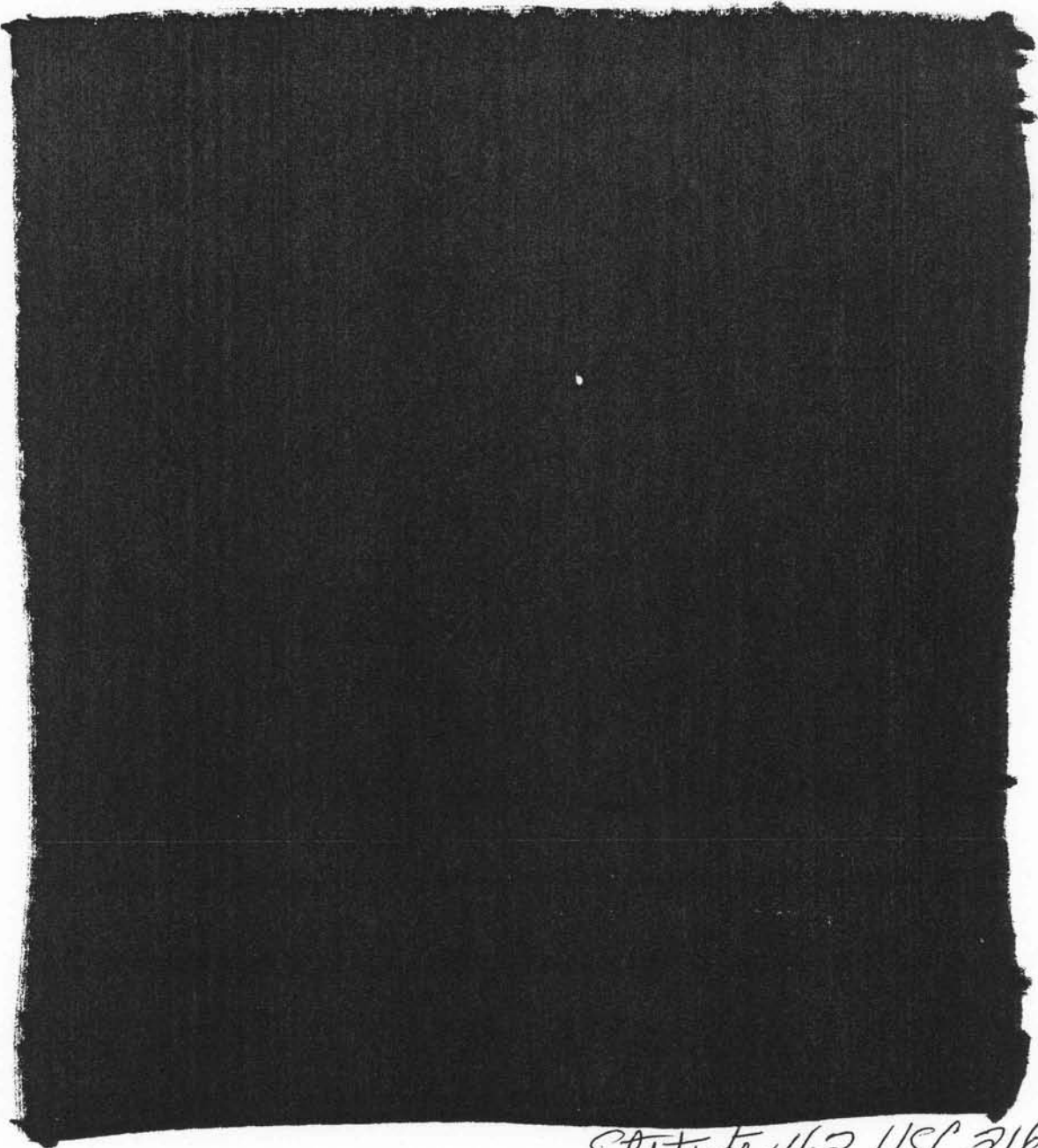
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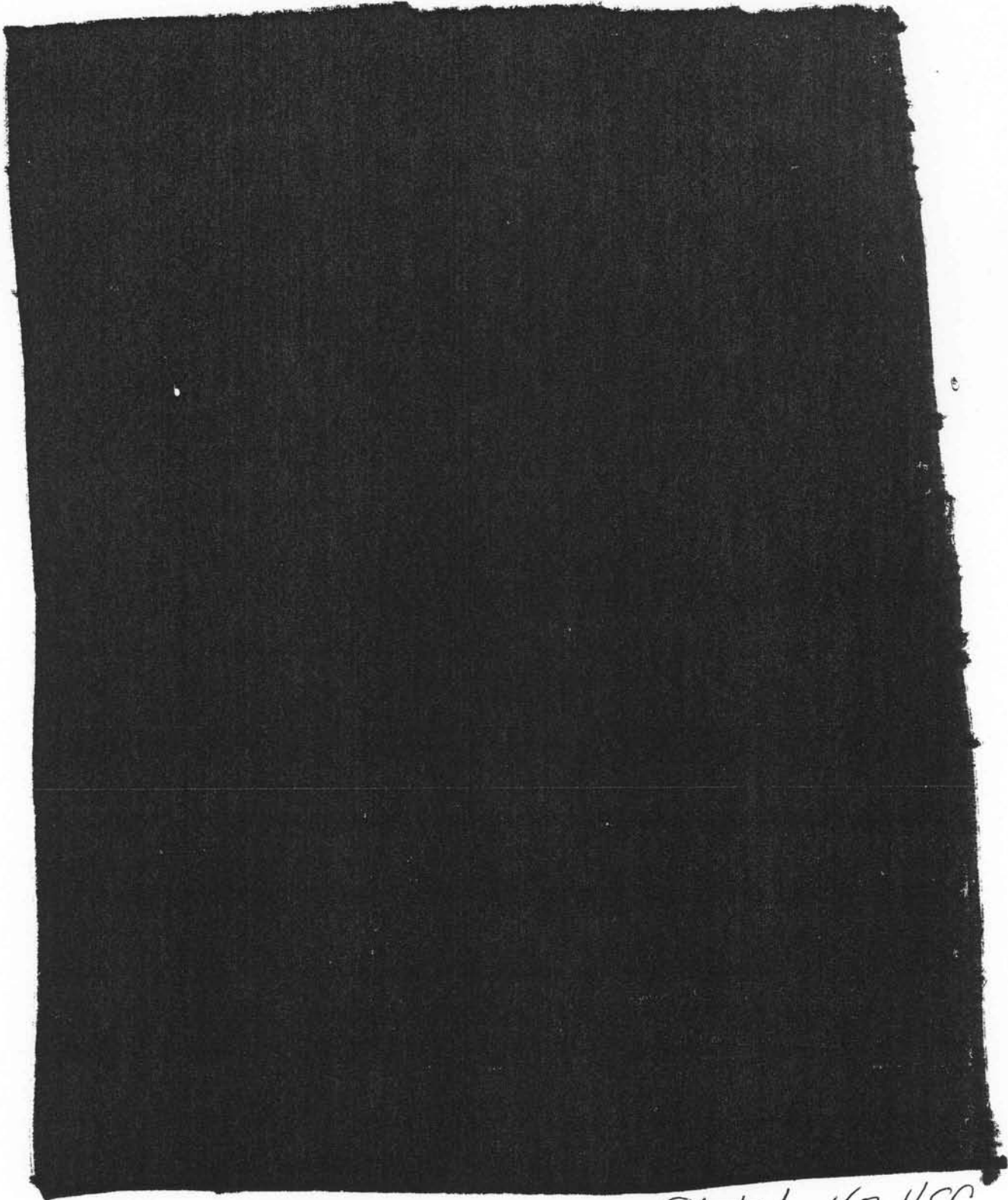
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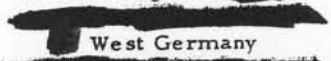
## APPENDIX D

### AUTHORIZED CEILINGS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SUPPORT OF NON-US FORCES FY 1973

<u>Country of Unit/Storage</u>	<u>Weapon System</u>	<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Whds</u>	<u>Units</u>
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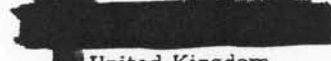
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Genie  
Nike Hercules  
Honest John <sup>1/</sup>  
8" Howitzer  
155mm Howitzer <sup>2/</sup>  
Aircraft  
ADM <sup>4/</sup>  
Nike Hercules  
Honest John <sup>1/</sup>  
8" Howitzer  
155mm Howitzer <sup>2/</sup>  
Aircraft  
Aircraft (ASW)  
ADM <sup>4/</sup>  
Aircraft (ASW)

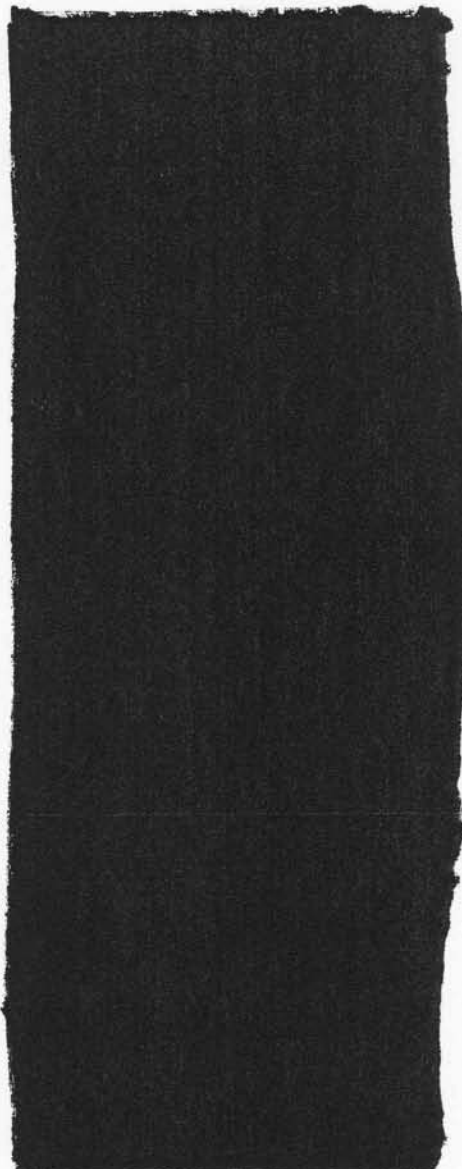
Honest John <sup>1 & 7/</sup>  
8" Howitzer

155mm Howitzer <sup>2/</sup>  
Aircraft

Aircraft (ASW)  
Nike Hercules  
Honest John <sup>1 & 8/</sup>  
8" Howitzer  
Aircraft  
ADM <sup>4/</sup>

Nike Hercules  
Nike Hercules  
Nike Hercules  
Honest John <sup>1/</sup>  
Honest John <sup>1/</sup>  
Honest John <sup>1/</sup>  
Sergeant <sup>1/</sup>

Pershing  
8" Howitzer  
8" Howitzer  
8" Howitzer  
155mm Howitzer <sup>2/</sup>  
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<u>Country of Unit/Storage</u>	<u>Weapon System</u>	<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Whds</u>	<u>Units</u>
United Kingdom/West Germany	Aircraft			
West Germany/West Germany	Aircraft			
 West Germany	ADM <sup>4</sup> /			
 West Germany	ADM <sup>4</sup> /			
United Kingdom/West Germany	ADM <sup>4</sup> /			
West Germany/West Germany	ADM <sup>4</sup> /			
United Kingdom/United Kingdom	Aircraft (ASW)			
TOTAL				

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- 1/ NSAM 197 action approved to consider shift to LANCE.
- 2/ Support for 155mm Howitzer units is contingent upon units becoming nuclear operational. In the case of Italy the number of units and weapons are approximations based on US estimates. Deployment authority for this support is included in Appendix C, Conditional Deployments.
- 3/ Only Phase I deployments are included in this figure. See applicable Program of Cooperation for Phase II deployments.
- 4/ ADM support of non-US NATO forces is contingent upon the units becoming nuclear operational. The numbers of weapons are approximations based on US estimates only. Deployment authority for this support is included in Appendix C.
- 5/ Support for one  NIKE HERCULES batteries is contingent upon units becoming nuclear operational. Deployment authority for this added support is included in Appendix C, Conditional Deployments.
- 6/ Support for  is contingent upon achievement of a dual-capability by all four squadrons and the deployment of this squadron primarily in the conventional role. Support of three German squadrons is contingent upon achievement of a dual-capability by all 9 squadrons and deployment of these three squadrons primarily in the conventional role. Deployment authority for this added support is included in Appendix C, Conditional Deployments.
- 7/ The two HONEST JOHN battalions are located  Warheads are located  West Germany 
- 8/  approved five battalions. There has been no final decision as yet regarding nuclear support for the fifth battalion.

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