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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: ASAT Program Review (U)

(C) I view the ASAT program as an important element in the security posture of our nation in that this program supports all Services in reducing the Soviets' ability to target our forces and denying them critical intelligence information. The recent ASAT Program Review, attended by the representatives of the DSARC principals, was a comprehensive presentation of the program, and I would like to thank the Air Force for the time and effort that went into that review. At the same time, I would like to document the understandings reached in the executive session.

(S) 1. In the past, there has been little relationship between DSARC's or major Program Reviews and the budget cycle. The resulting managerial confusion has created havoc in what should be and must become a sound programmatic process. Therefore, I fully expect the Air Force to budget the program in the POM as it was recommended to us. Specifically, the April 1983 flight test date, the ten R&D flight tests, and the FY85 IOC of four operational aircraft and ten interceptor inventory must be maintained.

(S) 2. The negation of the target list identified in the approved MENS would require 102 interceptors. Additional resources for subsequent operational testing and training must, of course, be added. The suggested reduction to 40 interceptors at an FOC in FY88 was not justified and should not be arbitrarily adopted.

(C) 3. The flexibility and mobility inherent in the air launched configuration were major factors in the decision to choose that option and must be fully utilized. This capability should be included in operational concepts, planning, basing, and budgeting.

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(U) 4. The SRAM availability, decisions on long life motor lines, etc., must be addressed as an overall problem of which the ASAT program is only a minor part. SRAM motor requirements for a new bomber and the present forces must also be considered and the requirements identified and funded in the POM cycle.

(U) In summary, I believe that the Air Force has presented a good program. We all recognize the risks inherent in such a technological development and we must strive to maintain the planned milestones. At present, I see no need for any further major reviews of a DSARC nature until the completion of the flight test program.

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20 MAY 1981

TO: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

FROM: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING (STRATEGIC AND SPACE SYSTEMS) MAJD A. VOGT
BRIGADIER GENERAL, USAF

PURPOSE: To transmit to the Air Force a summary of the understandings reached in the ASAT Program Review.

DISCUSSION:

- o I feel it would be beneficial to formally document your summary remarks during the executive session. We have already obtained Air Force rumors and feedback on your remarks and some have been of sufficient error to warrant this memo.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

COORDINATION: None required.

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