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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Staff, US Army *2*
Chief of Naval Operations *3*
Chief of Staff, US Air Force *4*
Commandant of the Marine Corps *5*

Subject: Exercise IVORY ITEM (U)

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1. ~~(TS)~~ This memorandum provides current policy and procedures for Exercise IVORY ITEM and cancels* all previous memorandums on the subject.

2. ~~(TS)~~ Exercise IVORY ITEM is a no-notice SIOP execution exercise to test Missile Attack Conference decision procedures in a surprise attack. The exercise is conducted on a combination of secure and non-secure telephone circuits. IVORY ITEM exercises may be initiated by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and will involve the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff or their alternates (Vice or Operations Deputy), and the nuclear CINCs or their designated alternates under the provisions of Volume IV, Emergency Action Procedures of the JCS. White House participation will normally include the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or his representative and those conferees required by White House procedures. The President and/or Vice President will be added to the conference upon direction of the Secretary of Defense or the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

3. ~~(TS)~~ Exercise IVORY ITEM scenarios will be designated with alphanumeric suffices ALFA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, etc., and will be provided to you as approved. The scenario to be used in any exercise will be indicated in words used by the NMCC to convene Exercise IVORY ITEM conferences.

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