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January 13, 1967

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 358

TO:           The Vice President  
              The Secretary of State  
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November 13, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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*WW Rostow*  
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(signed) W. W. Rostow

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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November 12, 1968

NOTE FOR MR. ROSTOW

Walt--

I believe that the attached memorandum from Paul Nitze is not required under existing procedures and could set the precedent for further increases in unnecessary Presidential paperwork.

NSAM 358 (copy attached) gave Presidential approval for a DX priority rating for PRACTICE NINE (the Vietnam barrier project). Presidential approval of DX ratings has not involved the level of funding of programs. Moreover, the original DOD request (copy attached) in the case of PRACTICE NINE referred to FY-1967 and FY-1968 funding and did not indicate FY-1969 funding which is the subject of the attached request.

Therefore, I recommend that you sign the attached memorandum to Paul Nitze without submitting the matter to the President. The BOB concurs in this method of handling the problem.

*Spurgeon*  
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Atts.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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January 7, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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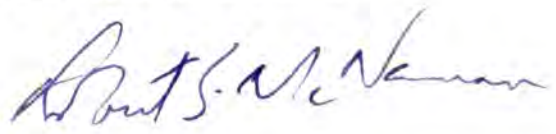
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I recommend that you approve the MK 84, Mod 1, 2000 Lb. Low Drag Bomb as a program of highest national priority which would make it eligible for use of the automatic DX industrial priority rating.

The MK 84 Bomb is required for operational use in Southeast Asia against such hard targets as underground POL tanks, reinforced concrete structures, large steel truss bridges, tunnels, and other underground fortifications.

Assignment of the DX priority to this program will have little impact on the production schedules of other programs in view of its relatively limited dollar value of \$31.1 million through FY 1968.

The Department of Defense will remove the MK 81 Bomb as a highest national priority program to accommodate the addition of the MK 84 Bomb to this category.



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January 12, 1966

Note for Miss Lois Nivens

Lois --

I've been asked to notify Stan Matelski at the Pentagon (11-73100) as soon as we've signed off on this request. He said he wanted to come over and pick it up. Do you want me to do this, or do you want the people who do the actual dispatching do it?

*James*

*Notified 12:55 PM  
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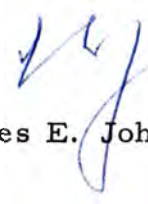
January 12, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. W. ROSTOW

Walt --

In Spurgeon's absence I have handled these requests for assigning a DX priority to two Department of Defense procurement programs. I believe the memorandum for the President is self-explanatory.

Some time ago I used to handle some of these DX priority requests and on the basis of my previous familiarity with this subject I wonder why the Secretary of Defense is requesting Presidential intercession for programs that essentially are not competing with anything but other DOD procurement. It would seem to me that he has the remedy in his own power and does not need Presidential action unless he feels the prestige factor is important. I will mention this to Keeny when he returns and suggest that these priority requests be discouraged unless they are in fact needed to give them competitive advantage over non-defense procurement or other civilian production items.

  
Charles E. Johnson

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DX priority for the Mk 84 Mod 1 and Project PRACTICE NINE

Mk 84 Mod 1, 2000 lb Low Drag Bomb

On April 26, 1966, the Mk 81 bomb was assigned the highest national priority so that production schedules could be met to satisfy ammunition requirements for South Vietnam. This bomb has proved to be inadequate against underground targets and reinforced structures. The Mk 84 Mod 1 has been approved by the Secretary of Defense for procurement and will be used against these hard targets. The Mk 84 is considered to be an interim solution until a larger, 3000 lb bomb is ready for production about a 1-1/2 years hence. The Mk 84 can be used by both the Air Force and the Navy.

The request for DX priority rating for the Mk 84 is a precautionary measure to obviate any procurement difficulties that may arise over the question of priorities. No specific problems are now foreseen, but items of particular concern are tooling, casings, fins, and fuses.

The final budget figures approved by the Secretary for the Mk 84 are as follows:

	FY 1967 Supp.		FY 1968	
	Quantity	\$	Quantity	\$
Air Force	4275	7.5	6525	10.0
Navy	4275	7.5	6525	10.0

With the addition of the Mk 84 to the DX priority list, Defense has recommended that the Mk 81 be removed from this category.

Practice Nine

Practice Nine, otherwise known as DCPG or JTF #728, is a special program to develop an infiltration interdiction system for South Vietnam involving both land and air interdiction techniques. The Secretary of Defense has set up a separate organization to develop the system and established dates for possible deployment as early as November 1967. Under the circumstances, this program would appear to qualify for DX priority. While probably precautionary in nature, the DX priority might be required in connection with acoustic sensors and various equipments associated with data systems, aircraft modifications, command and control.

It should be noted that the dollar numbers reflected in the Defense request do not reflect all procurement actions associated with Practice Nine, specifically air munitions which we understand may be the subject of a separate subsequent request. In addition, the dollar numbers are, in fact, quite approximate since the program has not really settled down to the point where great accuracy is possible.

cc: Mr. Chas Johnson

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