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Thursday,
March 28, 1968 -- 6:10 p.m.

Mr. President:

In the attached memorandum, Paul Nitze requests that you approve the SENTINEL program, which covers the deployment of the limited anti-ballistic missile defense system, as a program of highest national priority so that it can be assigned a DX industrial priority rating. Your approval of this action is required by the Defense Production Act of 1950. Nitze also reports that six programs that no longer require DX industrial priorities are being deleted from the highest national priority list. This request has been cleared with the Bureau of the Budget.

If you approve, the agencies that have programs on the highest national priority list or are otherwise concerned will be informed of the action by the attached NSAM.

W. W. Rostow

Attachments:

1. Nitze memo 3/14/68
2. NSAM

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

14 MAR 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Changes in the Top National Category of the Department of Defense Master Urgency List for CY 1968

I recommend that you approve the SENTINEL Program as a program of highest national priority which would make it eligible for use of the automatic DX industrial priority rating. The DX dollar limitation for this program will be as follows:

	(Millions of Dollars)	
	FY 1968	FY 1969
R&D	\$ 22.6	\$320.9
Production	\$192.0	\$606.0

The SENTINEL System is a defense system which will use highly advanced radars and interceptor missiles to destroy in flight warheads of attacking ballistic missiles during the period of the 1970's and 1980's. It is being designed to be integrated into the Continental Air Defense Command family of weapons systems and to have growth potential to provide for more protection from sophisticated attacks. The initial operational capability of this system is scheduled for October 1972.

The following six programs are being deleted from the Top National Category of the Department of Defense Master Urgency List for CY 1968 since their objectives have been reached, or they can be maintained on schedule with lower urgency assignments:

Bomb, Demo, 750 lb., M119, with fuze
Bomb, 2000 lb., MK 84, Mod 1
Rocket, 2.75", all types, with fuze
Cartridge, 60mm, HE
DEFENDER
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Paul H. Nitze

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NOTE FOR MR. ROSTOW

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The attached DOD request for a DX priority for the SENTINEL program is self-explanatory and does not raise any problems. The DOD is anxious to obtain approval of this request as soon as possible so that certain contract negotiations for the SENTINEL system can be completed.

The BOB has reviewed and cleared the request.

I have prepared for your signature the attached memorandum for the President and an implementing NSAM in keeping with the standing procedure for handling these requests.

Spurgeon
Spurgeon Keeny

Attachments:

1. Request fm Nitze 3/14
2. Memo for the President
for Mr. Rostow's signature 3/28
3. NSAM

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