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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Director, Central Intelligence
Science Advisor to the President

SUBJECT: KENNEN Program Guidance

In view of the recent change in the estimate of KENNEN program cost and schedule, the President has decided that some refinement in previously outlined program priorities is in order.

To meet previous program cost and funding guidelines, the President is willing to accept some slippage in the previously planned October 1976 first launch of the KENNEN system. Priority should, therefore, be given to the maintenance of previously determined program cost and performance specifications with the IOC changed, if necessary, to attain cost and performance objectives.

If, however, it becomes apparent that slippage of more than six months in the planned October 1976 IOC is necessary to meet cost and performance goals, the President desires to reconsider KENNEN program priorities. Consideration will then be given to the feasible trade offs between program cost, schedules, and performance specifications taking into account competing claims for other existing NRP resources.

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