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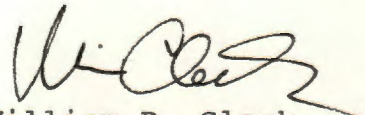
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THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT  
AND BUDGET  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND  
DISARMAMENT AGENCY  
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY POLICY

SUBJECT: National Security Decision Directive Implementing  
the President's Program for Eliminating the Threat from  
Ballistic Missiles

The president has issued the attached National Security Decision  
Directive (NSDD 85) directing that certain actions be taken to  
implement his program for the elimination of the threat posed by  
nuclear ballistic missiles.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

  
William P. Clark

Attachment: NSDD-85

cc: Chairman, PFIAB



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WASHINGTON

March 25, 1983

NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION  
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 85

Eliminating The Threat From Ballistic Missiles (U)

It is my policy to take every opportunity to reduce world tensions and enhance stability. Our efforts to achieve significant reductions in strategic offensive forces and to eliminate LRINF land based missiles are one approach to that aim. However, it is my long range goal to go beyond this. I would like to decrease our reliance on the threat of retaliation by offensive nuclear weapons and to increase the contribution of defensive systems to our security and that of our allies. To begin to move us toward that goal, I have concluded that we should explore the possibility of using defensive capabilities to counter the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles. (U)

I direct the development of an intensive effort to define a long term research and development program aimed at an ultimate goal of eliminating the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles. These actions will be carried out in a manner consistent with our obligations under the ABM Treaty and recognizing the need for close consultations with our allies. (U)

In order to provide the necessary basis for this effort, I further direct a study be completed on a priority basis to assess the roles that ballistic missile defense could play in future security strategy of the United States and our allies. Among other items, the study will provide guidance necessary to develop research and development funding commitments for the FY 85 Departmental budgets and the accompanying Five-Year Defense Program (FYDP). (U)

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs is assigned the responsibility to formulate detailed instructions for implementing this NSDD including organization, assignment of responsibilities, and completion dates. (U)

*Ronald Reagan*

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Office of the Press Secretary

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Today the President issued a National Security Decision Directive addressing his intent to direct the development of an intensive effort to define a long term research and development program aimed at an ultimate goal of eliminating the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles as announced in his speech of March 23, 1983.

The document directs the following:

It is my policy to take every opportunity to reduce world tensions and enhance stability. Our efforts to achieve significant reductions in strategic offensive forces and to eliminate LRINF land based missiles are one approach to that aim. However, I have concluded that we should explore the possibility of going beyond this and using defensive capabilities to counter the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles.

To that end, consistent with our obligations under the ABM Treaty and recognizing the need for close consultations with our allies, I direct the development of an intensive effort to define a long term research and development program aimed at an ultimate goal of eliminating the threat posed by nuclear ballistic missiles.

In order to provide the necessary basis for this effort, I further direct a study be completed on a priority basis to assess the roles that ballistic missile defense could play in future security strategy of the U.S. and its allies. Among other items, the study will provide guidance necessary to develop research and development funding commitments for the FY85 Defense Budget and the accompanying Five-Year Defense Program (FYDP).



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

1100  
March 25, 1983

TO: John Poindexter

Attached are two alternate versions  
of the draft NSDD. Each one has a  
new first paragraph. Do you have  
any preference?

  
Dick Boverie

## THE WHITE HOUSE

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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION  
DIRECTIVE NUMBEREliminating The Threat From Ballistic Missiles (U)

Since the advent of nuclear weapons, deterrence of aggression has been achieved through the promise of retaliation -- the notion that no rational nation would inevitably result in unacceptable losses to themselves. This approach to stability through offensive threat has worked. However, I have become more and more deeply convinced that the human spirit must be capable of rising above dealing with other nations and human beings by threatening their existence. Therefore, along with our effort to lower the level of forces through arms control, the time has come for us to embark on a program to counter the awesome ballistic missile threat to the United States and our allies with measures that are defensive. We would like to have the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete. Our only purpose is to reach for ways to reduce the danger of nuclear war. (U)

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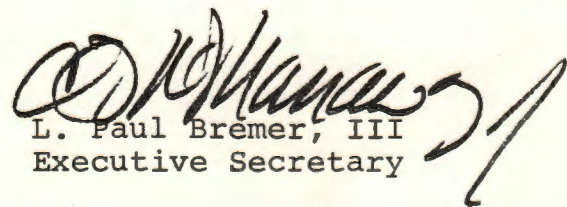
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March 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Draft NSDD on Countering the Threat from  
Ballistic Missiles

State Department comments on the proposed NSDD are attached. For convenience, I am providing a revised draft which reflects our suggestions. Also attached is a handwritten markup of the original draft for your reference.

  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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BOVERIE TO CLARK, RE: BMD NSSD

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25300	NSSD  DRAFT NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY DIRECTIVE RE: BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (BMD)	6	ND	B1

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COMMENTS

Bud,

The Judge wants this chipped through IA process. Dick Boverie will distribute a modified statement at 1030 meeting for comment. Want to take up to Pres at 0930 Fri. X

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