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The FY 1988 TOUCHSTONE Nuclear Test Program (U)

Programmatic approval of the FY 1988 TOUCHSTONE Nuclear Test Program proposed by the Department of Energy is granted. In implementing the TOUCHSTONE program, the following guidance will apply:

-- All tests associated with TOUCHSTONE will be conducted in compliance with the Limited Test Ban Treaty, with the National Environmental Policy Act, and in accordance with the existing nuclear testing limitations policy as outlined in NSDD 51.

-- The Department of Energy shall review each test with design yields near 150 kilotons to reasonably ensure that the device yield does not exceed the Threshold Test Ban Limit. (S)

Continue to coordinate public affairs activities related to the implementation of the TOUCHSTONE program, as appropriate, in advance of test events. (U)

The five-year projection of nuclear tests is noted. (U)

The FY 1989 Nuclear Test Program should be provided for approval by September 1, 1988. (U)

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