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Important Issues



1. Are the stockpile figures and future estimates correct?
2. Reason for initial emphasis on "large". Urgent need for massive retaliatory capability as a deterrent (because of U. S. much smaller manpower resources).
3. Need to increase "large" stockpile [.....] (Does it depend on estimate of what enemy is going to have? Our criteria should be "what will deter the enemy?". Presumably, while XI may deter and therefore XI will not deter additionally, nevertheless if the enemy has XI the enemy might not be deterred by our having only XI Of course, there must be a sufficient number to allow for dispersal, aborts, and misses.)
4. [.....] definition for a "small"? [.....] for little wars? (Note: memo's figures include only air-to-air and ground-to-air; what about small artillery shells and missiles?)
5. To what extent is it really more economical to make "large" than "small"? Has economy been the motivating force in policy?
6. The projected increase over 2 1/2 years in "small": [.....] — is this enough and is the increase quick enough?
7. After discussed on with Strauss, the President should be advised as to this paper (because it is testimony before Joint Committee). What other disposition — to DOE?

PORTIONS EXEMPTED

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