

D R A F TDIRECTIVE FOR A STUDY OF THE HUMAN EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO NSC ACTION NO. 1430-p

1. An estimate should be prepared and transmitted to the Planning Board for the National Security Council not later than June 1, 1956, of
  - a. The effects, over time, on human attitudes and behavior of (1) general awareness by the civilian population of a nation that an enemy or potential enemy has the technological capability of annihilating such nation; (2) the same awareness with the additional factor that the equivalent technological capability of annihilation is possessed by such nation, or friendly nations, which could produce mutual annihilation in the event of resort to such technological capabilities in a war.
  - b. The probable attitudes toward the initiation of general war by the constituted leaders of nations, or members of power blocs, possessing mutually destructive technological capability.
  - c. The effects, upon the civilian population and upon organized society in a nation engaged in a general war where full use is made of known and readily foreseeable technological capabilities.

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2. The estimate should take into account, but not be limited to, such considerations as are listed for illustrative purposes only in the Annex to this Directive.
3. A government official designated by the President should arrange for the study and estimate to be made by a small representative group of distinguished citizens including social scientists to be selected by a private organization such as the Council on Foreign Relations, after consultation with the designated government official. When the names are submitted to the designated Government official prior to their selection, an appropriate security clearance should be obtained before their final selection. Staff assistance needed by the group should be provided by the private organization selected.
4. The designated Government official, with the advice and assistance of other departments and agencies as appropriate, should be responsible for assisting the group and providing additional information to the group on a strict need-to-know basis, including:
  - a. Further interpretation of these terms of reference as required or requested.
  - b. The broad outlines of future weapons developments, to the extent necessary to give the group an appreciation of probable public awareness of such weapons developments.

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5. Upon receipt of the estimate, the Planning Board will review it, prepare whatever recommendations and other comments the Planning Board deems desirable, and transmit these recommendations, other comments and the estimate to the NSC.



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ANNEX

Examples of Considerations to be Taken Into Account

1. Willingness to support national policies which might involve the risk of nuclear warfare.
2. Tendencies toward neutralism or pacifism.
3. Viability of alliances.
4. Attitudes toward undertaking or resisting expansionist actions (including general war or local aggression).
5. Attitude toward national preparedness.
6. Attitude towards arms limitations.
7. Different degrees of knowledge available to different publics.
8. Differing degrees of influence of different publics upon their governments.
9. Effect of public realization of multilateral nuclear capability.



3. AICBM Warheads.



4. Very Small Warheads.

5. Boosted Warheads.