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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

9 APR 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment Request for MK-12A Reentry Vehicle
Production - ACTION MEMORANDUM

In accordance with your decision to seek a FY 1977 Budget Amendment for initial MK-12A Reentry Vehicle production, I have attached a memorandum for your signature which forwards such a request to the Director, Office of Management and Budget.

The Air Force is preparing the documentation to support the request before the Congress.

Terence E. McClary
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Assistant Secretary of Defense

Enclosure

ASD(LA): *R. J. Murray*

4/9/76

4/13 Redone per your guidance.



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Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

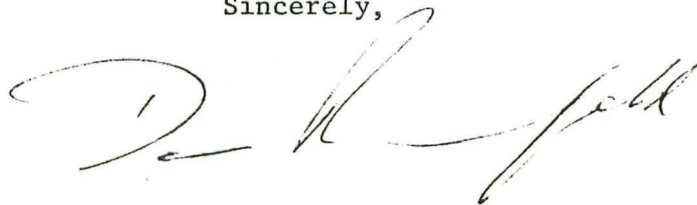
Dear Jim:

Last December I decided to continue the MK-12A higher yield reentry vehicle in R&D, but to defer a production decision pending our continuing assessment of Soviet ICBM capabilities. I have continued to review this program and have now concluded that because of continued Soviet ICBM deployments and the decision to maintain the option to continue MINUTEMAN III production, it is desirable to submit a FY 1977 Budget Amendment to provide procurement funds for the MK-12A higher yield reentry vehicle in FY 1977 instead of waiting until FY 1978.

Accordingly, I propose a Budget Amendment of \$56.3 million for the Missile Procurement, Air Force appropriation.

My staff is working with your staff to prepare the necessary authorization and appropriation documentation.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

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MK-12A PRODUCTION

	<u>Change for MK-12A</u>
MK-12A Production	+47.1
Advance Procurement for FY 1978 Production	<u>+4.0</u>
TOTAL MK-12A Weapons System	+51.1
Increase in Force Modernization	+2.3
Initial Spares	<u>+2.9</u>
TOTAL Missile Procurement, Air Force	+56.3





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9 APR 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment Request for MINUTEMAN III Production -
ACTION MEMORANDUM

In accordance with your decision to seek a FY 1977 Budget Amendment for continued MINUTEMAN III production, I have attached a memorandum for your signature which forwards such a request to the Director, Office of Management and Budget.

The Air Force is preparing the documentation to support the request before the Congress.

Terence E. McClary

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Assistant Secretary of Defense

Enclosure

ASD(LA): R.J. Murray 4/9/76

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Note: there are alternative memos ... one says it was a "close question", the second does not.*



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Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Jim:

Last December I decided not to request funds in FY 1977 for continued MINUTEMAN III production. However, my Annual Report stated that, depending on the SALT II negotiations and our continuing assessment of Soviet ICBM programs, it might be necessary to request supplemental funding to continue production.

I have continued to review this program and have now concluded that, because we have had more time to note the pace of the strategic arms limitations negotiations, and because of the continued Soviet ICBM deployments since December, we should request the funds necessary to give us the option to continue MINUTEMAN III production in FY 1977.

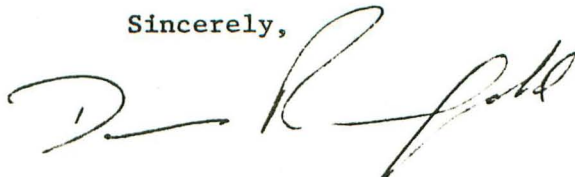
If Congress approves the Administration's \$40 million reprogramming request, the MINUTEMAN III line will continue operation until about September. In September critical parts of the line will begin to close down and reopening them would be both expensive and time consuming.

I would expect to review this issue again August or September. Nonetheless, prudence demands that we ask Congress now for approval of funding that will provide us with the necessary options to continue full MINUTEMAN III production.

Accordingly, I propose a Budget Amendment of \$260.7 million for the Missile Procurement, Air Force appropriation and one of \$5.4 million for the Military Construction, Air Force appropriation.

My staff is working with your staff to prepare the necessary authorization and appropriation documentation.

Sincerely,



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MINUTEMAN III PRODUCTION

	<u>Without Warhead</u>
MINUTEMAN III Production	261.8
Less FY 1976 Advance Procurement (Reprogramming Acting Pending)	<u>-40.0</u>
	221.8
Advance Procurement for FY 1978 Production *	<u>36.2</u>
TOTAL MINUTEMAN III Weapons System	258.0
Initial Spares	<u>2.7</u>
TOTAL Missile Procurement, Air Force	260.7
TOTAL Military Construction, Air Force	5.4

* If MINUTEMAN III production is not continued in FY 1978 these funds will be necessary for replenishment spares buy-out and for production close down costs.

