

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Safeguards

With your recent transmittal to the Congress of the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty and the Threshold Test Ban Treaty, it is expected that the subject of safeguards to the treaties will arise.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have recommended revisions to the four safeguards to the Limited Test Ban Treaty, which they believe would minimize the military risks inherent in the two new treaties. These safeguards, revised to apply to all three agreements, are contained in the enclosure and are forwarded for your use in the ratification proceedings.

I support the view of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and recommend the adoption of the revised safeguards.

*D. R. Gold*

Enclosure 1  
a/s

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## Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Safeguards

A. The conduct, within the constraints of existing nuclear test ban treaties, of comprehensive, aggressive, and continuing underground nuclear test programs designed to add to our knowledge and improve our weapons in all areas of significance to our military posture for the future.

B. The maintenance of modern nuclear laboratory facilities and programs in theoretical and exploratory nuclear technology which will attract, retain, and insure the continued application of our human scientific resources to those programs on which continued progress in nuclear technology depends.

C. The maintenance of the basic capability to resume effective nuclear test programs, in prohibited environments and yield ranges, should they be deemed essential to our national security.

D. The conduct of a comprehensive, aggressive, and continuing research and development program to improve our capability to monitor adherence to existing nuclear test ban treaties, in conjunction with a vigorous verification program to detect violations and to improve our knowledge of the nuclear activities, capabilities, and achievements of the Soviet Union and other nations.

