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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: FY 78-82 Planning and Programming Guidance Memorandum (PPGM)

(U) The Defense Policy and Planning Guidance (DPPG), providing general guidance to the Services and Defense Agencies, was approved last November. The attached PPGM describes the fundamental programming objectives for the Defense Department in the FY 78-82 period, provides the criteria by which the Joint Forces Memorandum (JFM) and Program Objective Memoranda (POMs) will be evaluated by my staff, and indicates some of the issues which will be considered during the review cycle.

(U) There are no changes to the DPPG. Accordingly, the PPGM contains only the following sections:

I. Force Programming Guidance: This section provides detailed guidance, consistent with the DPPG, for programming the size and structure of forces, logistics, and material support. The JFM and POMs should provide programs, within fiscal constraints, which are consistent with this guidance or provide rationale for any deviations.

II. Other Programming Guidance. This section provides guidance in a number of other significant areas. The JFM and POMs should provide programs which are consistent with this guidance or provide the rationale for deviations.

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III. Fiscal Guidance: This section allocates the resources that are consistent with the February 1976 Annual Defense Department Report projection of the Defense Department's FY 78-82 top line. The Fiscal Guidance provides FY 78-82 Total Obligational Authority for each Military Department and Defense Agency as well as FY 78 outlay limits for each Military Department. The FY 78-82 JFM and POMs must present programs that conform to this guidance.

IV. Potential Issues: This section contains a list of potential issues which will be considered during the POM review cycle.

V. POM Preparation Outline: I have asked the ASD(PA&E) to issue separately specific guidance for the presentation of data in the JFM and POMs. This enclosure gives the outline of that guidance.

(U) The PPGM has been made specific in order to make my view of the objectives of the Defense Program as clear as possible. I am certainly willing, however, to consider well-reasoned arguments for departures from the guidance where you believe that such are required. The PPGM explicitly offers opportunities for deviations from guidance where justifying rationale can be provided. I assure you that the programs proposed in the JFM and POMs will receive an objective review by my staff.

I look forward to the receipt of the JFM on April 30, 1976 and the POMs on May 7, 1976.

Attachment

