Formerly Restricted Data Declassification Working Group

USD(I), DUSD I&S
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Agenda

• Formerly Restricted Data (FRD) Examples
• Decision-Making Process
• Actions Overview
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• Pending Decision Tracker
• Declined Declassification Actions
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FRD Examples

- Stockpile Size and Subcategory Numbers-unless properly declassified by joint DoD/DOE determination
- Locations of Weapons Current and Past
  - Including numbers and types at locations – with some exceptions
  - Past CONUS locations Unclassified unless co-located with current location-current locations classified with some exceptions
  - Fact that weapons are/were in NATO, Germany and UK is unclassified unless specific location is given
  - Any specified OCONUS location (current or past) to include country other than Germany or the UK remain classified
- Yields (some have been declassified i.e. the W53)
- Circular Error Probability (CEP)
- Some Above Ground and Underground Test Results
Decision-Making Process

• Declassification Working Group (DWG) discusses request
  • May extend beyond one meeting
  • 10 CFR1045.16 criteria discussed
  • DoD may need additional representatives or to consult beyond USD(P), AT&L and JS standing membership
  • DOE may need additional representatives or to consult beyond standing membership
  • Other third parties – such as treaty experts – may need to be consulted regarding request

• Once DWG discussion complete - formal sequential staffing begins through DoD to DOE
  • For DoD: AT&L, Policy, USD(I), then JS and returned to AT&L for formal signature and transfer to DOE
  • DOE has similar staffing process before returning signed document to AT&L
  • Typical process averaging 4-5 months

• Any SES/GO/FO non-concur stops action
Actions Overview

- **Incoming Requests Received From:**
  - The Public
  - DOE/DoD
  - National Archives and Records Administration / National Declassification Center (NDC)

- **Incoming Requests Topic Types**
  - Stockpiles
  - Locations
  - Yields

- **Decisions**
  - Evenly Divided Between: Approved, Declined and Currently Pending
Declassification of Formerly Restricted Data

Formerly Restricted Data
The National Open Government Initiative Plan for the United States (NOG-2) called for the DoD, Department of Energy (DOE), and Department of State (DOS) to determine, consistent with applicable statutes, how to implement a systematic, rigorous, and transparent process for the declassification of non-current, sensitive historical information on nuclear programs (Formerly Restricted Data or FRD). This process includes periodic reviews and updates of historical nuclear policy and practices to provide the public with a clear path for declassification.

DoD and DOE have developed a process to begin the declassification process with DOD participating in their own process. Under the initiative, DOD-DOE working groups, FRD topics are brought to the review, and practices for declassification in the context of historical, policy, political, or administrative benefits.

Declassification Actions:
- The fact that any specific nuclear weapon was at a forward location (e.g., bomber, warhead, reactor) in the United States, its territories, or territories.
- The total size of the nuclear fuel cycle and the number of weapons dismantled for disposal, both as of:
  - 30 September, 2005
  - 20 September, 2006
  - 30 September, 2005

- The fact that U.S. nuclear weapons were deployed in Okinawa prior to Okinawa's reversion to Japan on May 15, 1972.
- The fact that prior to the reversion of Okinawa to Japan that the U.S. Government conducted internal discussions, and discussions with Japanese government officials regarding the possible re-introduction of nuclear weapons into Okinawa in the event of an emergency or to an emergency situation.
- The fact that the last USO-24 U-2 spy plane was retired from the Department of Defense service on August 31, 2011. As of August 31, 2011, the Department of Defense considered the U-2-0 aircraft as no longer in service.
- The fact that the yield of the E2M-203 V-1 was 9 megatons.
- The fact that the U.S. nuclear weapons (V-1) conducted on 191918997 was a V-1 warhead on an F-14 tomcat aircraft launched from an M-14 nuclear weapon on August 31, 2011. As of August 31, 2011, the Department of Defense considered the V-2-0 aircraft as no longer in service.
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The fact that the last W80-0 TLAM-N warhead was retired from Department of Defense service on August 31, 2011. As of August 31, 2011, the Department of Defense considers the W80-0 warhead as totally removed from the nuclear arsenal.

The total size of the U.S. nuclear stockpile and the number of weapons dismantled for disposal for FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

The fact that the yield of the B53/W53 Y1 was 9 megatons.
The John event (nuclear weapons test) conducted on 7/19/1957 was a W25 warhead on an air-to-air Genie rocket launched from an F89J fighter aircraft.

The Frigate Bird event conducted on 5/6/1962 was a W47 warhead on a Polaris A1 missile launched from the USS Ethan Allen (SSB-608) as part of the system proof test.

The actual yield of the Argus I, Argus II, and Argus III tests that took place between July 27, 1958 and October 6, 1958 was 1.7 kt.

The fact that the “Archie” radar used for the Mk II “Little Boy”, “Fat Man”. Mk III, and Mk4 nuclear bombs, was the APS-13 “Tail Gun Charlie” radar in essentially unmodified form.

The total number of nuclear weapons afloat for each fiscal year from FY 1953 through FY 1991 and the total number of nuclear weapons afloat for each fiscal year by region from FY 1961 through FY 1991.
The fact that any specified retired nuclear weapon was at a former (now closed) nuclear weapon storage location or former (now closed) operational location (e.g. Nike site, bomber bases, etc.) within the United States, its possessions, and territories.
### Pending Request Tracker

As of 7 Oct 2016

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- **Declined**
- **Signed by DoD**
- **Signed by DOE**
- **Completed**
- **Not Started**
Declassification Actions – Declined

• 5/2014 – Aftergood request: **Automatic** Annual Declassification of Stockpile Size
• 5/2014 – Burr request: Weapons in NATO Europe
• 1/2015 – W84 Classification
• 5/2015 – Burr request: Weapons Stockpiled in Germany
• 6/2015 – DOE request: B61-12 Power Source
• 12/04/15 – Storage Location Classification Challenge
Way Ahead

- Working with State: Historical and still-active Bilateral Agreements that must be honored
- Working with DOE: Yields
- Working with NDC
- Working CEP issues
- Continue to evaluate and respond to declassification requests from the public and U.S. government organizations
Questions?