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- References:
- (a) LOSTAN 4539.
  - (b) STAND 5015.
  - (c) LOM 181/62.
  - (d) SH 41382 (SHAPE 22588).
- CTS 1964

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Subject: Berlin Contingency Planning.

1. In response to the request contained in ref (a), transmit to Secretary General for NAC without delay the following answers to questions on selective use of nuclear weapons posed by Canadian Delegation as reported in ref (c).

2. As indicated in the Standing Group appraisal, selective use of nuclear weapons for demonstration purposes would be primarily political and psychological in nature intended to persuade the Soviets of NATO determination in order to obtain a political decision. They are not currently designed to have significantly military value. However, selective use of nuclear weapons in connection with a particular plan for both demonstration purposes and direct military value, could be an optional course of action. Further the Standing Group has pointed out that in the case of "No Target" demonstration, NATO intentions should be clearly made manifest to the Soviet authorities including the fact that this is a deliberate use and not an error.

3. Accordingly, the general concept for the selective use of nuclear weapons as expressed in the Bercon B series is as follows:

Bercon BI provides a "No Target" and to the extent possible "No Damage" nuclear demonstration detonated over selected areas preferably near military complex. The objective will be to minimize damage to persons and/or property and yet assure that the explosion is seen from the ground.

Bercon BII consists of in air burst on a military target detonated away from population centers. Then strictly military targets include attacking aircraft, airfields, SAM sites, troop concentration, etc.

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4. From an operational view point selective use of tactical nuclear weapons in action plans is covered by specific procedures and constraints which provide for employment of nuclear weapons either singly or in limited numbers, for specific purposes, and in specific areas.

5. To minimize danger of escalation to general war, SACEUR's policy is to exercise centralized control of nuclear weapons by retaining from himself the sole authority in ACE for directing their employment in conformity with a governmental decision which authorizes selective use of such weapons at the time.

NOTES : REF (a) IS SCO IN 06409 (PANDP).  
REF (b) IS SCO IN 06473 (PANDP).

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