

ADDENDUM TO JCS MINUTES OF 2/2/72

The two important points here are that the JCS are still fighting civilians getting into the SIOP and the primary reason for it is ostensibly security. My own private view always was that it was an important area into which to probe by civilian authority and I encouraged that it be done.

With regard to the Chairman's views on needing a war-fighting capability, all the Chiefs shared this view.

With regard to the Chairman's view on the withholding of a strategic reserve, this represents quite a victory for me as the Chairman is now fully aboard and strongly in support of my objective here. You will recall that he wasn't nearly so much so on July 29, 1970, when I first raised it.

ADDENDUM TO THE JCS MINUTES 2/4/72

Dr. Teller's pessimism about both relative strategic capabilities and nuclear testing capabilities of the Soviets is based on great expertise and intelligence background. The discussion on \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrates the extent to which our capability to kill Soviet personnel is receding unlike the conventional wisdom and shows that we are still having trouble winning full support for the concept of a strategic reserve some 20 months after I first raised it, although we've made a lot of progress.

ADDENDUM TO JCS MINUTES 2/16/72

The Air Force is dying hard on dedicated reserve in the fight to change its designated reserve is so that to continue the connotation that would quite possibly be used as part of the initial retaliation rather than to avoid blackmail.

ADDENDUM TO 2/19/72 JCS MINUTES ON

This was the kind of final policy debate on the strategic reserve and with its designation as swing force with words suitably worked into the theology to indicate that it was for the purpose of negotiating a war termination, I felt that after 20 months of effort we had made a significant contribution to U. S. policy. It became clear, as a result of this last month, February 1972 debate, that the Air Force had its major reasons for opposing any reserve force:

- (1) the concern that if it were Minutemen which were designated as a reserve they would be eligible for budget cuts and if it were SLEM's that were designated as a reserve, this would be highlight in the greater survivability of the SLEM's.

Their opposition in terms of national level perspective all seems to me to be ver crazy.