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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE  
DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING  
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE  
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT  
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Implementation of the National Space Launch Strategy

Consistent with the National Space Launch Strategy of July 10, 1991, this is to direct as follows:

1. Launch Infrastructure Investment Plan. The Secretary of the Air Force shall submit a long-term investment plan for improvements to the existing space launch infrastructure.
2. Assessment of Missile Alternative Disposition Options. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (USD(A)) shall assess alternative options (consistent with applicable law, including international legal obligations) for disposition of ballistic missiles that were on July 10, 1991, or thereafter became or will become, surplus to DOD needs and shall submit a report containing that assessment to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for approval and submission for review to the National Space Council and the National Security Council. No such ballistic missiles or components thereof, except for those approved as of July 10, 1991 for use as space launch vehicles, shall be released for use or disposal without the approval of the Deputy Secretary of Defense.
3. National Launch System Transition. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence shall submit to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for approval a strategy for transition of national security-related space systems to the National Launch System (NLS). The strategy should take account of funding, satellite block changes, and new payloads and should identify criteria and milestones for selection and phasing of spacecraft.
4. Space Launch Technology. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering shall submit through the USD(A) to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for approval a plan designed to strengthen DOD space launch technology activities for the coming decade and to serve as the DOD contribution to a joint DOD-Department of Energy-National Aeronautics and Space Administration space launch technology plan.
5. Commercial Space Launch Support. The Director of Administration and Management shall submit to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for approval revisions to DOD Directive 3230.3 (relating to DOD support for commercial space launch activities) to conform it to existing national policy.

DOD officials assigned duties above shall execute them in coordination with such other DOD officials as may be appropriate and shall complete the duties assigned within 90 days of the date of this memorandum.

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