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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO: Lloyd Cutler
FROM: Edmund S. Muskie *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: P. D. 59

You have received, from Chris, a chronology prepared by my staff which they believe to be a statement of the Department's involvement in the revised Nuclear Targeting Strategy. Reg Bartholomew has reviewed it and concurs in its accuracy. Cy Vance may also be a source of additional information.

In terms of my own involvement, I had an initial S.I.O.P. briefing from Harold Brown on May 29. To the best of my recollection there was no suggestion that a new targeting strategy was involved or that a new Presidential Directive was in the process of development.

On August 5, there was a Muskie/Brown/Brzezinski meeting at 11:15 a.m., which lasted forty-five minutes. The only item on the agenda for that meeting was "building a constituency for foreign aid." At that meeting there was a brief conversation between Secretary Brown and Dr. Brzezinski regarding the fact that the press was going to carry a story on our nuclear targeting strategy. I was not informed, in the context of that conversation, that a Presidential Directive had been issued on this subject. Secretary Brown did offer to brief me on the targeting strategy when I returned from California. ✓

On Monday, August 18, Walter Slocombe flew to Maine and briefed me on P.D. 59, and on Thursday, August 21, I discussed this matter with Harold Brown at breakfast in New York. During the period following Monday, August 18, I also had briefings from State Department staff people.

- 1. On PD 59
 - a. I was not briefed
 - b. State personnel briefed in June?
- 2. Development of strategy
Vance?

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(per
Boyle)*

You will note that there is no reference in the State Department summary to any consultation with the Department on a Presidential Directive on this subject. To my knowledge, the decision to reflect this strategy in a Presidential Directive, the text of that directive, and the judgment to background the press on that directive was not known in advance to anyone in this Department.

Finally, I should note that to date no one in this Department has received a copy of the directive which was finally issued.