MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Storage of Non-nuclear Components of
Atomic Bombs in CVB Class Carriers

In order to maintain the maximum state of readiness
for the CVB class carriers, the Department of Defense wishes
to maintain the full service allowance of eleven non-nuclear
components of atomic bombs on board at all times except during
extended periods in naval shipyards.

Facilities in the USS MIDWAY (CVB-41) for storage
and handling of atomic bombs will be completed in April 1951.
The USS MIDWAY is scheduled to operate from East Coast ports
during the remainder of calendar year 1951.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Special Com-
mittee of the National Security Council on Atomic Energy con-
sider and recommend that the President approve the transfer
of custody of eleven non-nuclear components of atomic bombs
from the Atomic Energy Commission to the Department of De-
fense for storage in the USS MIDWAY (CVB-41).

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