Das „Greater Middle East Programme“ der USA
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LESETIPPS zum gerade in Umsetzung befindlichen „Greater Middle East“ Programm der USA

- Erklärung der Vereinigung Deutscher Wissenschaftler (VDW) zu den bekannt gewordenen Plänen der Bush-Administration zur künftigen Nuklearpolitik der USA (Januar 2002)

Einzelheiten zur künftigen Nuklearplanung der Vereinigten Staaten wurden damit bekannt:
1. Es werden Länder und Szenarien genannt, die Ziel eines Nukleareinsatzes durch die USA werden könnten. Darunter sind neben Russland und China auch als potenzielle Schwellenstaaten bezeichnete Länder, die heute keine Nuklearwaffen besitzen wie Nordkorea, Irak, Iran, Libyen und Syrien.
2. Diskutiert und empfohlen wird die Entwicklung neuer Nuklearwaffen („mini nukes“), um unterirdische Ziele zu treffen, die tief in die Erde eindringen können („earth penetrating munition“) und biologische oder chemische Substanzen („agent defeat“) vernichten sollen.
3. Die neuen Fähigkeiten, beginnend mit neuer konventioneller Munition, über Raketenabwehr bis hin zu neuen Nuklearwaffen sollen im Rahmen einer erweiterten Nuklearbekleidung in Form einer „neuen Triade“ in eine umfassende Militärstrategie eingehen, die u.a. einen Nukleareinsatz als Teilkomponente enthält. [Mehr...]


After a year in office the Bush administration has completed the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) mandated by Congress in the fall of 2000. The NPR establishes the broad outline of Pentagon planning for U.S. nuclear strategy, force levels and infrastructure for the next 10 years and beyond. It also endorses significant revisions to the nuclear war planning process to enhance its flexibility and responsiveness, which would allow the Pentagon to generate new nuclear attack plans and have them approved quickly in a crisis.

- Nuclear Insecurity - A Critique of the Bush Administration's Nuclear Weapons Policies: This September 2004 report assesses the Bush administration’s nuclear weapons policies and concludes that they have made the United States more vulnerable, not more secure. The report finds that these policies undermine the U.S. effort to combat terrorism by diverting resources from the real threats of our time, squandering billions of dollars on Cold War-era weapons and new nuclear warheads, and perpetuating the arms race. The report offers recommendations for a more responsible nuclear policy, including: honoring the U.S. commitment to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, scrapping plans for nuclear bunker busters, and stopping the deployment of the unproven missile defense system.

- U.S. Nuclear Weapons in Europe

New report provides unprecedented details (February 2005) The United States continued to deploy roughly 480 nuclear bombs in Europe, more than double the number normally estimated by the media and non-governmental analysts. The deployment was detailed in the report "U.S. Nuclear Weapons in Europe" published by the Natural Resources Defense Council. The weapons are all B61 gravity bombs and are deployed at eight bases in six NATO countries: Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

- Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations (March 2005): The new doctrine incorporates pre-emption into joint nuclear doctrine for the first time, lowers the threshold for nuclear use further by reducing the level of hostilities where U.S. nuclear weapons might be used, endorses a role of nuclear weapons against all forms of weapons of mass destruction, endorses a role of nuclear weapons against terrorists, and describes missile defenses as a means of defending nuclear forces rather than people against attack. The new doctrine incorporates the findings of the 2001 Nuclear Posture Review and the 2002 National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction. It reflects the impact of 9/11 on U.S. strategic thinking with a focus on all WMD threats whether from countries or non-state actors.
As a result of these developments, the updated Joint Pub 3-12 has been changed significantly compared with the previous versions of the document.

- **Pentagon formally Cancels Controversial Nuclear Doctrine - Nuclear Brief February 2, 2006.**

The Pentagon has formally cancelled a controversial revision of *Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations* after the doctrine was exposed last year in an article in *Arms Control Today* in September 2005 and the *Washington Post*. The revised draft included for the first time descriptions of *pre-emptive use of US nuclear weapons*, and caused the Senate Armed Services Committee to ask for a briefing, and 16 lawmakers to protest to President Bush. The decision to cancel the doctrine document, and four other related documents, was confirmed today by the Pentagon. An official explained that the documents will not be published, revised, or classified. He added that they were not really doctrine documents but "pseudo documents" discussing nuclear policy issues. The public "visibility led a lot of people to question why we have them," he said. The main document, formally known as *Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations (Joint Pub 3-12)* was first published in 1993 and updated in 1995. A revision has been under preparation since 2001. The 1995 version, which was publicly available on a Pentagon web site for a decade, was removed in October 2005 after the public disclosure of the revision. The following month, according to the Pentagon, the decision was made to cancel the documents. In addition to the main document, the Pentagon also cancelled three other related documents: *Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Theater Operations (Joint Pub 3-12.1)* from 1996, *Doctrine for Nuclear Weapons Effects (Joint Pub 3-12.2)* from 1995, and *Doctrine for Nuclear Weapons Effects (Notional) (Joint Pub 3-12.3)* from 1996. The cancellation of the doctrine documents was discovered after they disappeared from a Joint Chiefs of Staff overview of ongoing revisions. The previous overview from April 2005 included all three documents, but they were missing from a new overview published in January 2006. Does the cancellation mean that U.S. nuclear policy has changed? No. The decision to cancel the documents simply removes controversial documents from the public domain and from the Pentagon's internal reading list. **The White House and Pentagon guidance that directs the use of nuclear weapons remains unchanged by the cancellation !!!!!.** (http://www.nukestrat.com/us/guidance.htm)