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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 272

**TO: The Secretary of Defense
 The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission**

SUBJECT: Safety Rules for Nuclear Weapon Systems

I have approved the attached procedures for the establishment of safety rules for nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon systems.

I would like to have as soon as possible a single summary memorandum covering general safety rules now in effect governing aircraft flight and other operations involving nuclear weapons and the procedures that will be employed with permissive link devices where these are applicable.

/s/ John F. Kennedy

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