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Dear Dr. Victorian:

This letter responds to your July 26, 1996, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The enclosed document is provided as responsive to your request. There are no chargeable costs for processing your FOIA request in this instance.

Sincerely,

A. H. Passarella  
Director  
Freedom of Information and Security Review

Enclosure:  
As stated
JOINT REPORTING STRUCTURE EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORTS

References: See Enclosure C

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes:
   a. The OPREP-3 reporting system, which is used by military units at any level of command to report significant events and incidents to the highest levels of command.
   b. The summary report of nuclear detonations (NUDETSUM), which is used to report information pertaining to nuclear detonations in areas outside the North American continent.

2. Cancellation. Joint Pub 1-03.6, 7 November 1980, is canceled.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff, the Services, and the CINCs.

4. Policy
   a. The OPREP-3 PINNACLE report is used by any unit to provide the NCA (through the NMCC), the CINCs, and the Services with information on any significant event or incident. The OPREP-3 (no flagword) is used by any unit to notify appropriate CINCs and Services of any incident or event where national-level interest is not indicated or has not been determined. The reports must be timely and concise and must include enough information to allow action addressees to fully understand the situation and provide information to other levels as required. OPREP-3 reports do not replace the Procedures for Reporting Critical
Information (CRITIC) defined in reference a. Several of the types of incidents covered in this instruction also require a CRITIC report, which will be made in addition to the OPREP-3 report.

b. The NUDETSUM report is used to report information pertaining to nuclear detonations in areas outside the North American continent. It is intended to support damage assessment at the national level. Nuclear detonations on the North American continent will be reported by CINCNORAD in accordance with NORAD reporting procedures.

5. Responsibilities

a. Any commander having knowledge of an occurrence requiring an OPREP-3 report will submit the appropriate report.

b. CINCs will submit OPREP-3 reports with flagwords COMMAND ASSESSMENT and LERTCON STATUS OF ACTIONS when required.

c. Responsibility for NUDETSUM reporting is tied to the general geographic areas of responsibility of US unified commands. Nuclear detonations in areas outside the North American continent will be reported by the CINC having geographic responsibility.


7. Summary of Changes. This instruction:

a. Converts the Joint Pub to an instruction nature of the document.

b. Adds the OPREP-3 EMPTY QUIVER report for reporting the seizure, loss, or theft of a nuclear weapon. This addition aligns the instruction with references b and c.

c. Eliminates the OPREP-3 PINNACLE EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION report because emergency destruction is no longer a required capability and theater commanders have eliminated emergency destruction as an option.

d. Modifies the names of the PINNACLE LERTCON STATUS OF ACTION and NUDETSUM reports to be consistent with reference d.
e. Updates message report formats to conform with US
Message Text Formatting requirements of reference d.

8. **Information Requirements.** The reports in this instruction
are exempt from licensing in accordance with subparagraph E4b of
reference e.

9. **Effective Date.** This instruction is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

R. C. MACKE
Vice Admiral, USN
Director, Joint Staff

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OPREP-3 REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. **Types of OPREP-3 Reports.** The categories of OPREP-3 reports are described below. See Table A-1 for a summary of the report types.

   a. **Reports to the NMCC.** This category includes any OPREP-3 report where national-level interest has been determined. The originator sends these reports directly to the NMCC with the flagword PINNACLE. If in doubt about whether an occurrence is of national interest, the originator should resolve it in favor of sending an OPREP-3 PINNACLE report. These reports, their associated flagwords, and their purposes and uses are:

   (1) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE (OPREP-3P).** This message is used by any unit to provide the NMCC and appropriate CINCs with immediate notification of any incident or event where national-level interest is indicated. The general OPREP-3P report is used for situations that do not require reporting via another of the OPREP-3P reports listed in subparagraphs 1a(2) through 1a(9). This report is not restricted to operational information. Any event or incident should be considered reportable if it:

      (a) Generates a higher level of military action.
      (b) Causes a national reaction.
      (c) Affects international relationships.
      (d) Causes immediate widespread coverage in news media.
      (e) Is clearly against national interest.
      (f) Affects current national policy.
(2) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE NUCFLASH (OPREP-3PNF)**. Used to report the following situations, which create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war:

(a) Any accidental, unauthorized, or other unexplained nuclear detonation or possible nuclear detonation.

(b) The accidental or unauthorized launch of a nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable missile in the direction of or having the capability to reach another nuclear-capable country.

(c) Unauthorized flight of, or deviation from, an approved flight plan by a nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable aircraft with the capability to penetrate the airspace of another nuclear-capable country.

(d) The detection of unidentified objects by a missile warning system, or interference (experienced by such a system or related communications) that appears to be threatening and could create a risk of nuclear war.

(3) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE FRONT BURNER (OPREP-3PFB)**. Used to report any attack on or harassment of US forces.

(4) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE BROKEN ARROW (OPREP-3PBA)**. Used to report an accidental event involving nuclear weapons or nuclear components that results in any of the following situations, but does not create the risk of nuclear war:

(a) Nuclear detonation.

(b) Nonnuclear detonation or burning of a nuclear weapon.

(c) Radioactive contamination.

(d) The jettisoning of a nuclear weapon or nuclear component.

(e) Public hazard, actual or implied.
(5) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE EMPTY QUIVER (OPREP-3P EQ).** Used to report the seizure, theft, or loss of a nuclear weapon or nuclear component.

(6) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT (OPREP-3PED).** Used to report those operations involving the command disablement or nonviolent disablement of nuclear weapons.

(7) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE EMERGENCY EVACUATION (OPREP-3PEV).** Used to report those operations involving the emergency evacuation of nuclear weapons.

(8) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE COMMAND ASSESSMENT (OPREP-3PCA).** Used to report a unified or specified command assessment of a developing or potential crisis situation.

(9) **OPREP-3 PINNACLE ALERTCON STATUS OF ACTIONS (OPREP-3PLSQA).** Used to immediately notify the NMCC of CINC's actions relative to the alert condition (LERTCON) of their forces.

b. **Report to the Services.** This category contains OPREP-3 reports used to immediately notify the appropriate Service or CINC of a significant interest event or incident as required by US law but not requiring an OPREP-3P report. The Services will monitor these reports for national-level interest. Reports with national-level interest will be transmitted to the NMCC and cognizant CINCs with the flagword PINNACLE inserted in the identification line. These reports, their associated flagwords, and their purposes are:

(1) **OPREP-3.** Used by any unit to provide appropriate Services and CINCs with immediate notification of any incident or event where national interest is not indicated or has not been determined.

(2) **OPREP-3 BENT SPEAR (OPREP-3BS).** Used to report those incidents involving nuclear weapons that are of significant interest but are not categorized as PINNACLE NUCFLASH or PINNACLE BROKEN ARROW.

(3) **OPREP-3 FADED GIANT (OPREP-3FG).** Used to report nuclear reactor and/or radiological accidents or incidents to the appropriate Service headquarters.

c. **Reports Implemented by the CINCs or the Services.** This category is for OPREP-3 reports implemented by the CINCs and the Services for an event or incident not requiring
national-level interest. The flagword PINNACLE will not be used in these reports; however, the reports may be passed by the CINCs or the Services to the NMCC for national-level interest without upgrading to OPREP-3P reports. Reporting instructions for reports implemented by the Services or by the combatant commands are published in applicable Service or CINC directives.

2. Where to Submit OPREP-3 Reports

a. OPREP-3P Reports (Except COMMAND ASSESSMENT and LERTCON STATUS OF ACTIONS)

(1) **Voice Reports.** These reports will be submitted to the NMCC, appropriate CINCs, and the reporting unit’s parent Service and intermediate superior command, in that order. Conference calls or concurrent telephone calls should be considered if no delays are encountered and security can be maintained.

(2) **Record Communications Reports**

(a) Action addressee will be the NMCC. The appropriate Service will be added on reports with flagwords FRONT BURNER, BROKEN ARROW, EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT, and EMERGENCY EVACUATION.

(b) Information addressees will be the appropriate combatant commanders, the reporting unit’s parent Service (unless an action addressee), and intervening levels of command.

(c) The addressees listed in reference f will be added to all reports with the flagwords EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT or EMERGENCY EVACUATION.

b. OPREP-3P COMMAND ASSESSMENT and LERTCON STATUS OF ACTIONS Reports. These reports will be submitted to the NMCC and the appropriate Service by voice and record communications. Record communications will be sent to the NMCC for action, with the appropriate Service as an information addressee.

c. OPREP-3 BENT SPEAR and FADED GIANT Reports. These reports will be submitted to the appropriate Service by voice and record communications. If the Service determines the report to be of national-level interest, the report will be transmitted to the NMCC and appropriate CINCs with the flagword PINNACLE inserted in the identification line.
3. **When to Submit OPREP-3 Reports.** All OPREP-3 reports will be submitted as soon as possible after an event or incident has occurred and sent at FLASH precedence. The goal is to make initial voice reports within 15 minutes of an incident, with message reports submitted within 1 hour of the incident. OPREP-3 PNF reports are extremely time sensitive and require initial reporting within 5 minutes of the incident. OPREP-3 initial reports will contain only as much of the requested information as is immediately available. The initial report must not be delayed in order to gain additional information. Followup reports can be submitted as additional information becomes available.

4. **How to Submit OPREP-3 Reports**

a. **Classification.** OPREP-3 reports will be classified according to their content. The reporting unit is responsible for assigning the proper security classification to each report, including downgrading or declassification instructions, according to the guidance in reference g. Further, when combat or combat-related operational requirements make speed of delivery paramount, military commanders may modify transmission of classified information as necessary to meet local conditions. (When so doing, they may, in a message, cite this subparagraph as the authority.)

b. **Method of Transmission.** OPREP-3 reports will be reported by the fastest means available consistent with security constraints. The method is usually "in the clear" voice transmission followed by confirmatory record communications. Secure telephone will be used for all classified reporting and should be used for unclassified reporting when available. Reports containing special intelligence information must be transmitted through DIA (SSO) channels. The following information is provided for reporting to the NMCC:

(1) **Voice Reports**

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WASHINGTON SWITCH: (703) 697-1201,
Drop 1048/1049/1050/1051
(2) **Record Communications Reports.** Message address is
JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J3 NMCC//.

c. **Precedence.** OPREP-3P voice and record communications
reports will be submitted with a FLASH precedence. The
OPREP-3PNF report takes precedence over all other OPREP-3
reports. Any OPREP-3 report takes precedence over all
peacetime exercise communications.

d. **MINIMIZE.** Submission of OPREP-3 reports will not be
affected by the imposition of MINIMIZE.

e. **Format of OPREP-3 Reports.** The Joint Reporting
Structure (JRS) is designed to allow transmission of reports
by courier, mail, electrical record communications, or
voice. To ensure expeditious handling of data, each
communication containing operational data must be identified
as a report belonging in the JRS. Specific US Message Text
Format (USMTF) set identifiers are used to identify OPREP-3
reports.

(1) **Message Identification Line (MSGID)** includes the
report type (e.g., OPREP-3PBA for OPREP-3 PINNACLE
BROKEN ARROW), the originator, and the report serial
number. All OPREP-3 record message reports are
serialized by each unit beginning with the first
incident reported each calendar year. The first initial
record report will be serial 001. Amplifying reports
concerning the same incident will be serialized by the
use of alphabetic suffixes (e.g., 001A, 001B, etc.).
Reports of subsequent incidents will be serialized
numerically (i.e., 002, 003, through 999).
Example: MSGID/OPREP-3PNF/USS NEVERSAIL/053//

(2) **FLAGWORD** includes a primary and secondary flagword.
Example: FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/NUCFLASH//

(3) **Time, location, and report status (TIMELOC)**
includes the day and time or full date time group, the
location of the event, and the report status (initial,
followup, correction, or final).
Example: TIMELOC/121500Z/SAN DIEGO/INIT//

f. **How To Correct OPREP-3 Reports.** If the originator
discovers an error after submitting a report, he or she will
submit a correction. The corrected report includes only
those sections of the report requiring correction. The
corrected report will be classified according to its

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content. Identify a corrected report by placing "CORR" in the third field of the TIMELOC set.

g. **Followup Reports.** If additional information becomes available, the originator will submit a followup report. The followup report includes only the sections of the report that require additional information. The code word FOLUP will be placed in the third field of the TIMELOC set.

5. **Specific Reporting Instructions and Report Content.** See Appendixes A through L for specific reporting instructions and report content.
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|                  |                                                   | Command 1/           | Headquarters Intermediate Commands     |                     | 2. National-level interest that changes current operations or involves natural or humanmade disasters, civil disorders.  
<p>|                  |                                                   |                       |                                        |                     | 3. Timely notification at highest levels.                                 |
| PINNACLE/NUCFLASH| Nuclear detonation with war risk                  | Lowest Level of      | NMCC Cognizant CINC Parent Service     | Clear voice, FLASH  | Accidental or unauthorized detonation or launch of nuclear armed or capable missiles or aircraft. |
|                  |                                                   | Command               | Headquarters Intermediate Commands     | record followup    |                                                                        |
| PINNACLE/FrontBurner | Attack or harassment of US forces        | Lowest Level of      | NMCC Cognizant CINC Parent Service     | Voice/TTY FLASH     | Same reporting procedures as PINNACLE.                                   |
|                  |                                                   | Command               | Headquarters Intermediate Commands     |                     |                                                                        |
| PINNACLE/BROKENARROW | Nuclear detonation (without war risk)            | Lowest Level of      | NMCC Cognizant CINC Parent Service     | Voice/TTY FLASH     | Detonation, burning, radioactive contamination, jettisoning, or public hazard of a nuclear weapon or nuclear component. |
|                  |                                                   | Command               | Headquarters Intermediate Commands     |                     |                                                                        |
| PINNACLE/EMPTYQUIVER | Seizure or loss of a nuclear weapon              | Lowest Level of      | NMCC Cognizant CINC Parent Service     | Voice/TTY FLASH     | Seizure, loss, or theft of nuclear weapon or nuclear component.         |
|                  |                                                   | Command               | Headquarters Intermediate Commands     |                     |                                                                        |
| PINNACLE/EMERGENCYDISABLEMENT | Nuclear weapon disablement                  | Lowest Level of      | NMCC Cognizant CINC Parent Service     | Voice/TTY Sec voice | Additional addressees as for NUREP.                                       |
|                  |                                                   | Command               | Headquarters Intermediate Commands     | Encrypted TTY FLASH 4/ |                                                                        |</p>
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1/ Lowest level of command having: (a) knowledge of event or incident and (b) access to communications to get report to NMCC.

2/ Inform higher level first if all levels cannot be informed simultaneously.

3/ FLASH for initial PINNACLEs, as required for followup reports. Use IMMEDIATE if FLASH precedence is not available.

4/ Special intelligence via DIA/SSO channels.
APPENDIX A

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE

(Short Title--OPREP-3P)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. This report is not restricted to reporting operational information. It will be used to report any event or incident that could attract national-level interest but does not require reporting in other OPREP-3 reports. The event or incident will fall in one of the following categories:

a. An occurrence of such impact that it requires the immediate attention of the NCA. Included are those occurrences that have actual or potential international repercussions, such as creation of tension or undesirable relations between the United States and other countries.

b. Those occurrences having national-level interest that (1) have seriously changed or may seriously change current operations, or (2) involve natural or humanmade disasters or civil disorders.

c. Any other incident when it is conceivable that the highest levels of government will require timely notification. The following are provided as guidance and are not exhaustive in nature:

(1) Major military or missile accidents.
(2) Incidents involving reconnaissance activities.
(3) Hijacking and related incidents.
(4) Asylum incidents.
(5) Receipt of significant intelligence.
(6) US search-and-rescue operations in foreign countries.
(7) Confirmed or suspected ECM, sabotage, and electromagnetic pulse events at tactical warning sensor sites, specified communications nodes, and command center locations.
(8) Violations of International Law of Armed Conflict.

d. If doubt exists at any level as to whether an event or incident is or could possibly develop into a matter of White House, Department of Defense, joint Service, or major news media interest, submit as an OPREP-3P report. As a practical matter, any occurrence reported as an OPREP-3 should be considered for submission as an OPREP-3P report unless a positive determination can be made to the contrary.

2. Report Content. The following information, when applicable, will be included in an OPREP-3P report:

   a. Identification of the type of event being reported (e.g., ship harassment, aircraft accident, possible border violation).

   b. Reference to the voice report in the record communications report of the event.

   c. A brief account of the event being reported. Use concise statements designed to answer the following questions: What happened? Who is or was involved? Where did it happen? What action is ongoing? What future action is contemplated?

   d. A statement in the record communications report as to whether followup OPREP-3P reports concerning the incident are expected.

3. Report Format. The OPREP-3P is a USMTF report. Instructions on USMTF format and additional examples of the OPREP-3P report are in reference d.

4. Sample Reports

   a. Voice Report. "This is an OPREP-3 PINNACLE from CTU 122.1.0 as of 041722Z JAN 93. At 041715 a US Army aircraft unintentionally violated North Korean airspace because of navigation problems. Pilot has been contacted and is returning to Pusan. Reason for problems unknown. Confirmation message and amplifying details will follow."
b. **Record Communications Report**

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EXER/OLIVE DRAB 93//
MSGID/OPREP-3P/CTU122.1.0/001A//
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/-//-
REF/A/TEL/CTU122.1.0/041722ZJAN93//
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO NMCC//
TIMELOC/041715ZJAN93/SEOUL/FOLUP//
GENTEXT/INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION AND DETAILS/ARMY AC
EXPERIENCED NAV AID TROUBLE AND APPEARS TO HAVE
UNINTENTIONALLY VIOLATED NORTH KOREAN AIR SPACE. PILOT AND
INCIDENT DETAILS NOT YET AVAIL//
RMKS/AMPLIFYING REPORT TO FOLLOW.//
DECL/OADR//
APPENDIX B

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE NUCFLASH

(Short Title--OPREP-3PNF)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. The OPREP-3PNF report is used to report an incident or event involving the actual or possible detonation of a nuclear weapon that could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war. This message has the highest precedence in the OPREP-3 reporting structure. Report any of the following:

a. Accidental, unauthorized, or any other unexplained nuclear detonation, or possible detonation.

b. Accidental or unauthorized launch of a nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable missile in the direction of, or having the capability to reach, another nuclear-capable country.

c. Unauthorized flight, or deviation from an approved flight plan, by a nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable aircraft with the capability to penetrate the airspace of another nuclear-capable country.

d. The detection of unidentified objects by a missile warning system or interference (experienced by such a system or related communications) that appears to be threatening and could create a risk of nuclear war.

2. Report Content

a. The OPREP-3PNF is a USMTF formatted message. USMTF set identifiers for required information are included in parentheses next to required information below. Additional examples and USMTF formatting instructions can be found in reference d.

b. This report is extremely time sensitive and must be made no later than 5 minutes after the incident and sent at FLASH precedence. The record communication followup message must be sent at FLASH precedence within 1 hour of the incident.
c. The following information, when applicable, will be included in OPREP-3PNF reports. Include as much of the following information as possible in the initial voice report, but do not delay the report for lack of information.

(1) Time and location of the occurrence and report type (TIMELOC).

(2) Time on target and unit involved (NUCTM).

(3) Weapon type, armament status, and warhead type (NUCTYP).

(4) Detonation location, aim point, travel direction, air speed, flight duration time, and time on target (NUCCRS).

(5) Other pertinent information (GENTEXT).

3. Sample Reports

a. Voice Report. "This is an OPREP-3 Pinnacle NUCFLASH from CTU122.2.0 as of 180419Z. At 180415Z, an F106 carrying a Mark 1 nuclear warhead crashed near a Russian battle group."

b. Record Communications Report

FROM: CTU122.2.0
TO: JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J3 NMCC//
(Other addressees as appropriate)

CLASSIFICATION

MSGID/OPREP-3PNF/CTU122.2.0/001//
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/NUCFLASH//
REF/A/TEL/CTU122.2.0/180419ZMAR93//
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO NMCC//
TIMELOC/180415ZMAR93/4005N13235E/INIT//
NUCTM/ETOT:180450Z/CTU122.2.4//
NUCLOC/4000N13400E//
NUCTYP/ACTYP:F106/NUCSTAT:Y/MARK:0001//
RMKS/AIRCRAFT DOWN IN SEA. ESTIMATE 100 MILES OFF COAST. PILOT EJECTED. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL FOLLOW.//
DECL/OADR//
APPENDIX C

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE FRONT BURNER

(Short Title--OPREP-3PFB)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. The OPREP-3PFB report will be used to report any occurrence having the potential of rapidly moving into a contingency or general war situation such as armed attack, harassment, or hostile act against US shipping interests or forces.

2. Report Content. The following information, when applicable, will be in OPREP-3PFB reports:

a. Identification of the type of event being reported (e.g., ship harassment, aircraft accident, possible border violation).

b. Reference to the voice report in the record communications report of the event.

c. A brief account of the event being reported. Use concise statements designed to answer the following questions: What happened? Who is or was involved? Where did it happen? When did it happen? Why did it happen? What action is ongoing? What future action is contemplated?

d. A statement in the record communications report as to whether followup OPREP-3 PINNACLE FRONT BURNER reports for this incident are anticipated.

3. Report Format. The OPREP-3PFB is a USMTF formatted report. Directions on USMTF format and additional sample messages are in reference d.

4. Sample Reports

a. Voice Report. "This is an OPREP-3 PINNACLE FRONT BURNER from CTU 122.2.0 for the NMCC as of 171528Z. A mail helicopter has crashed near USS RECOVERER. Task force units are attempting to recover the helo crew. Unidentified units are impeding recovery operations."
b. **Record Communications Report**

CLASSIFICATION
MSGID/OPREP-3PFB/CTU122.2.0/005///
REF/A/TEL/CTU122.2.0/171528ZFEB93///
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO NMCC///
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/Front Burner///
TIMELOC/171525ZFEB93/773105N16023I5W/FINAL///
GENTEXT/INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION AND DETAILS/COD OPERATION,
MAIL HELO DITCHED WITH FLOATATION GEAR ATTACHED.
UNIDENTIFIED TRAWLER SERIOUSLY IMPEDED RECOVERY OPERATIONS
BY TASK FORCE UNITS. CREW RECOVERED SAFELY BY USS
RECOVERER.///
DECL/OADR///
APPENDIX D

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE BROKEN ARROW

(Short Title--OPREP-3PBA)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions

a. The OPREP-3PBA report will be used to report an accident, incident, or event involving nuclear weapons or other nuclear components where creating a risk of outbreak of a nuclear war does not exist. Included are:

(1) Nuclear detonation.

(2) Nonnuclear detonation or burning of a nuclear weapon.

(3) Radioactive contamination.

(4) The jettisoning of a nuclear weapon.

(5) Public hazard, actual or implied.

b. The initial report will be a voice report. The report must be made as quickly as possible after the incident and sent at FLASH precedence. The initial report will contain only as much of the requested information as is immediately available. The initial report must not be delayed in order to gain additional information.

2. Report Content. The following information, when applicable, will be in OPREP-3PBA reports.

a. Voice Reports

(1) Date and time.

(2) Location.

(3) Quantity and type of weapons and components.

(4) Casualties and property damage.

(5) Type of operation.
(6) Cause of accident or incident.
(7) Description of event.
(8) Existing nuclear hazard and radiation levels.
(9) Condition of the weapons.
(10) Measures taken to ensure safety and security.
(11) Text of news releases and substance of information given in response to news media requests.
(12) Other pertinent information, including known public reaction or political implications.
(13) Corrective action recommended.

b. Message Reports. USMTF set identifiers for required information are included in parentheses:

(1) Date and time, location, and report status (TIMELOC).
(2) Quantity and type of weapons or components, and ship or aircraft identification (EVTYP).
(3) Personnel casualties (CASUALTY).
(4) Damages (GENTEXT/DAMAGES).
(5) Cause of accident or incident and description of the event (GENTEXT/INCIDENT CAUSE AND DETAILS).
(6) Radiation information (5RAD).
(7) Fallout prediction data (5STRKWRN).
(8) Condition of weapons or nuclear components and safety measures (GENTEXT/WEAPON CONDITION AND SAFETY MEASURES).
(9) Actions taken or in progress (GENTEXT/ACTIONS TAKEN OR IN PROGRESS).
(10) News release information (GENTEXT/NEWS RELEASES).
(11) Public and political implications (GENTEXT/PUBLIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS).
(12) Corrective action recommended (GENTEXT/CORRECTIVE ACTION RECOMMENDED).

3. Sample Reports

a. Voice Report. "This is an OPREP-3 PINNACLE BROKEN ARROW from CTU122.3.1 for the NMCC. (a) 170755Z OCT 92. (b) Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. (c) One TRIDENT 1 missile. (d) Casualties: two killed, three wounded. Damages: One truck destroyed by fire, one missile exposed to gas fire, did not explode or burn. (e) Missile transport. (f) Truck hauling missile experienced engine flash fire. (g) Driver and assistant killed, three personnel injured in rescue attempt. (h) No nuclear or radiation hazard. (i) Weapon has burn damage on casing. (j) Fire is out. Weapon is being cooled by fire hoses. (k) News media is enroute to the scene. No information has been released. (l) No public reaction has been received. Adverse publicity is anticipated. (m) Corrective action recommendation not yet available."

b. Record Communications Report

FROM: USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI

TO: JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC/J3 NMCC/

CLASSIFICATION

MSGID/OPREP-3PBA/CTU122.3.1/001//
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/BROKEN ARROW//
REF/A/TEL/CTU122.3.1/170755ZOCT92//
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO NMCC//
TIMELOC/170754ZOCT92/PEARL HARBOR/INIT//
EVTYP/1/TRIDENT 1/
HEADING/CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES//
CASUALTY/KILLED:2/WOUNDED:3/MISSING:0//
GENTEXT/DAMAGES/ONE TRUCK DESTROYED BY FIRE. WEAPON EXPOSED TO GAS FIRE BUT DID NOT DETONATE OR BURN//
GENTEXT/INCIDENT CAUSE AND DETAILS/TRUCK EXPERIENCED ENGINE FLASH FIRE. DRIVER AND ASST WERE KILLED AND 3 NAVPERS INJURED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SAVE TRUCK CREW AND RECOVER WPN//
HEADING/RADIATION INFORMATION//
5RAD/1/TRUCK CAB/170810Z/0.0/-/-//
GENTEXT/WEAPON CONDITION AND SAFETY MEASURES/MINOR BURN DAMAGES ON EXTERIOR OF WPN//

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GENTEXT/ACTIONS TAKEN OR IN PROGRESS/FIRE HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED. INJURED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO LOCAL HOSPITAL. INVESTIGATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR FUTURE OPNS//
GENTEXT/NEWS RELEASES/INITIAL REPORT MADE TO LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO//
GENTEXT/PUBLIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS/LOCAL MEDIA AT SCENE, SPECIAL REPORT AIRING ON LOCAL TELEVISION STATION//
RMKS/ADDITIONAL REPORT TO FOLLOW//
DECL/OADR//
APPENDIX E

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE EMPTY QUIVER

(Short Title--OPREP-3PEQ)

1. **Specific Reporting Instructions.** The OPREP-3PEQ report will be used to report the seizure, theft, or loss of a nuclear weapon or nuclear component.

2. **Report Content.** The following information, when applicable, will be in OPREP-3PEQ reports. USMTF set identifiers for required information are included in parentheses.

   a. Date and time, location, and report status (TIMELOC).
   
   b. Quantity and type of weapons or components, and ship or aircraft identification (EVTYP).
   
   c. Casualties and property damage (HEADING/CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES).
   
   d. Incident cause and details (GENTEXT/INCIDENT CAUSE AND DETAILS).
   
   e. Weapon condition and safety measures (GENTEXT/WEAPON CONDITION AND SAFETY MEASURES).
   
   f. Amplifying information, including known or suspected route of diversion or escape, composition of recovery force, controlling authority, and communication links established with hot pursuit (recovery) team (GENTEXT/SEIZURE, THEFT, OR LOSS INFORMATION).
   
   g. News releases (GENTEXT/NEWS RELEASES).
   
   h. Public and political implications (GENTEXT/PUBLIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS).
   
   i. Assistance required (GENTEXT/ASSISTANCE REQUIRED).
3. **Sample Reports**


b. **Record Communications Report**

CLASSIFICATION
MSGID/OPREP-3PEQ/USST BULLET/001B//
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/EMPTY QUIVER//
REF/A/TEL/USST BULLET/151000ZC8T92//
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO NMCC//
TIMELOC/151000ZC8T92/NORFOLK VA/FOLUP//
EVTYP/2/TLAM-N/DDG/
HEADING/CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES//
CASUALTY/KILLED:0/WOUNDED:3/MISSING:0//
GENTEXT/DAMAGES/TWO TLAM-N MISSILES DAMAGED, WARHEADS REMOVED BY TERRORISTS//
GENTEXT/INCIDENT CAUSE AND DETAILS/USST BULLET BOARDED BY 10 ARMED TERRORISTS, WHO REMOVED WARHEADS FROM 2 TLAM-N MISSILES. THREE CREW MEMBERS WOUNDED IN ATTACK. TERRORISTS DEPARTED BY HELICOPTER//
GENTEXT/SEIZURE INFORMATION/HELICOPTER HEADED FOR MEXICAN COAST. MEXICAN AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED. SHORE-BASED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED. AIR SEARCH IN PROGRESS//
GENTEXT/PUBLIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS/MEXICAN GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED AND PROMISE FULL COOPERATION//
GENTEXT/ASSISTANCE REQUIRED/REQUEST MEDEVAC OF INJURED CREW MEMBERS//
RMKS/ADDITIONAL REPORT WILL FOLLOW//
DECL/OADR//
APPENDIX F

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE
EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT

(Short Title--OPREP-3PED)

1. **Specific Reporting Instructions.** The OREP-3PED report is used for reporting operations involving the command disablement or nonviolent disablement of nuclear weapons.

2. **Report Content.** The following information, when applicable, will be in OREP-3PED reports. Message reports will be made using the USMTF format. USMTF set identifiers for the OREP-3PED report are in parentheses below. Additional examples and USMTF formatting instructions can be found in reference d.

   a. Time and location of implementation of the emergency disablement, and report status (TIMELOC).

   b. Weapon quantity and type (5NWPN).

   c. Authority ordering disablement and unit completing the destruction or disablement (CMDAUTH).

   d. Reason for disablement (GENTEXT/REASON FOR DISABLEMENT).

3. **Sample Reports**

   a. **Voice Report.** "This is an OREP-3 PINNACLE EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT from CTU122.3.1 for the NMCC. 171435Z JAN 89 073120N 0117001W. EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT: XX weapons destroyed, wpn type X, destruction ordered by CTG122.0. Reason for disablement: weapons hazarded by flooding casualty."

   b. **Record Communications Report**

   CLASSIFICATION
EXER/OLIVE DRAB 89//
MSGID/OPREP-3PED/CTU122.3.1/001//
REF/A/TEL/CTU122.3.1/171435ZJAN89//
REF/B/EXCORD/CTG122.0/171435Z/011701//
AMPN/REF A IS INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO NMCC. REF B IS EXERCISE ORDER//
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT//
TIMELOC/171435ZJAN89/073120N1602315W/FINAL/
5NWPN
QTY /WPNSS /WPNAAP /WPNAS /WPNSA /WPNTYP
/ 1/LANCE
/ 10/203MM/
CMDAUTH/CTU122.3.1/MCMDAUTH:CTG122.0/
GENTEXT/REASON FOR DISABLEMENT/WEAPONS HAZARDED BY FLOODING CASUALTY/
RMKS/WEAPONS DISABLED AS DIRECTED. NO MORE EQUIPMENT IN AREA. WITHDRAWAL COMPLETE 171540Z. THIS IS FINAL REPORT/
DECL/OADR//
APPENDIX G

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT—OPREP-3 PINNACLE EMERGENCY EVACUATION

(Short Title—OPREP-3PEV)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. The OPREP-3PEV report is used for the emergency evacuation of nuclear weapons.

2. Report Content. The following information, when applicable, will be in OPREP-3PEV reports. Message reports will be made using the USMTF format. USMTF set identifiers for the OPREP-3PEV report are in parentheses below. Additional examples and USMTF formatting instructions are in reference d.

   a. Date-time group when the evacuation was implemented, location of the operation, and report status (TIMELOC).

   b. Evacuation information (5EVACTO).

      (1) Unit evacuated to.

      (2) Quantity of weapons evacuated.

      (3) Type of weapons evacuated.

   c. Unit completing evacuation and commander authorizing evacuation (CMDAUTH).

   d. Reason for evacuation (GENTEXT/REASON FOR EVACUATION).

3. Sample Reports. The reports for the OPREP-3PEV are similar to those for the OPREP-3PED report shown in Appendix F.
APPENDIX H

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 PINNACLE COMMAND ASSESSMENT
(Short Title--OPREP-3PCA)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. The OPREP-3PCA is used to report a CINC's assessment of a developing or potential crisis situation. In some instances where time sensitivity is a factor and the CINC's recommended course of action is presented, the OPREP-3PCA may serve as the CINC's estimate provided for under reference h.

2. Report Content. Report will contain the following as applicable in a free text (GENTEXT) set line:

a. Identification of the type of occurrence being reported: ship harassment, aircraft harassment, possible border violation, etc.

b. Reference to previous reports dealing with the same occurrence.

c. Actions taken or being taken within the constraints of the CINC's rules of engagement (ROE).

d. Forces that are readily available.

e. Timeframe for the earliest commitment of forces.

f. Major constraints, if they exist, for the employment of forces.

\[g.\] The various courses of action available, under consideration, or being recommended.

h. A statement as to whether further OPREP-3 reports of this incident are anticipated.

3. Sample Reports. The reports for the OPREP-3PCA are similar to those for the OPREP-3P report shown in Appendix A.
APPENDIX I

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT—OPREP-3 PINNACLE LERTCON
STATUS OF ACTIONS

(Short Title—OPREP-3PLSOA)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. CINCs will provide an OPREP-3PLSOA report to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as soon as possible following the declaration of a change in LERTCON or when selected measures have been directed. Procedures for preparing and transmitting this report are in reference i. In addition, joint message employment procedures for the exchanges of this message are prescribed in reference j.

2. Report Content. The following information will be included in the OPREP-3PLSOA report:

a. Declaration of the most current LERTCON (or equivalent exercise term) declared by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or CINC (LERTCON).

b. Identification of alert actions that the CINC has elected to omit, delay, or during exercises, to simulate (EXCEPT).

c. Major deviations, intentional or otherwise, from the estimated time to complete LERTCON actions (DEVIATE).

d. Confirmation of the LERTCON actions that have been completed and those that have not been completed as of a specific time (PROGRESS).

e. Time of final attainment (ATTAINED).

f. Additional LERTCON information (GENTEXT).

g. Additional information pertaining to the message (RMKS).

3. Sample Reports

b. **Record Communications Report**

**FROM:** USCINCEUR  
**TO:** JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC/J-3 NMCC//

**CLASSIFICATION**

EXER/BRIGHT STAR//  
MSGID/OPREP-3PLSOA/USCINCEUR/001//  
REF/A/TEL/USCINCEUR/0318002NOV92//  
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT//  
FLAGWORD/PINNACLE/LERTCON SOA//  
LERTCON/ROUND HOUSE//  
EXCEPT/NONE//  
DEViate/NONE/NOTAPL//  
PROGRESS/NOTAPL//  
ATTAINED/031820Z/EXERCOND:ROUND HOUSE//  
GENTEXT/ADDITIONAL LERTCON INFORMATION/ALLIES HAVE COMPLETED CORRESPONDING LERTCON ACTIONS//  
RMKS/EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR//  
DECL/OADR//

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EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3

1. **Specific Reporting Instructions.** The OREP-3 is used by any unit to provide appropriate commanders with immediate notification of any incident or event where national interest is not indicated or has not been determined. A flagword may be added at any level of command to facilitate the expeditious forwarding of this message to the NMCC.

2. **Report Content.** The OREP-3 reports will do the following when applicable:
   a. Identify the type of event being reported (e.g., minor aircraft accident, murder of foreign national).
   b. Refer to the voice report in the record communications report of the event.
   c. Describe the incident or event that has taken place, telling who, what, where, when, why, and how, if known.
   d. Provide any pertinent information concerning political ramifications and intentions, and whether an additional report will follow.

3. **Report Format.** The OREP-3 is a USMTF formatted report. Instructions on USMTF format and additional examples of this report are located in reference d.

4. **Sample Reports**
   a. **Voice Report.** "This is an OREP-3 from CTU 122.1.0.3. The Yokosuka police reported the killing of an unidentified foreign national in a private residence. A US Air Force suspect is being held. Investigation is underway."

   b. **Record Communications Report**

CLASSIFICATION

MSGID/OPREP-3/CTU122.1.0.3/001/
REF/A/TEL/CTU122.1.0.3/161000ZSEP92/
AMPN/INITIAL VOICE REPORT TO USCINCPAC/
TIMELOC/160910ZSEP92/YOKOSUKA/INIT//
GENTEXT/INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION AND DETAILS/ARMY SSGT, CMB SPT GRP, WAS DISCOVERED ATTEMPTING TO DISPOSE OF BLOOD-STAINED UNIFORM. INITIAL INVESTIGATION SHOWS SUSPECT MAY HAVE KILLED FEMALE FOREIGN NATIONAL FOLLOWING ARGUMENT IN PRIVATE RESIDENCE. IDENTITY OF FOREIGN NATIONAL HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.// RMKS/ADDITIONAL REPORT WILL FOLLOW.// DECL/OADR//
APPENDIX K

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 BENT SPEAR

(Short Title--OPREP-3BS)

1. Specific Reporting Instructions. This report is for an unexpected occurrence involving nuclear weapons or nuclear components that does not fall under the NUCFLASH or BROKEN ARROW categories, but:

   a. Results in damage to a nuclear weapon or nuclear component to the extent that major rework, complete replacement, or examination or recertification by the DOE is required.

   b. Requires immediate action in the interest of public safety, nuclear weapon security, or may result in adverse public reaction (national or international) or premature release of information. (This requirement includes any damage to nuclear weapon carriers such as submarines or aircraft that could lead to loss of or damage to nuclear weapon components.)

   c. Raises suspicion that a nuclear weapon has been partially or fully armed.

   d. Could lead to nuclear weapon accident category events and warrants the informational interest or action of any of the following officials or agencies:

      (1) Joint force commander.

      (2) Appropriate Military Department or Service.

      (3) Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy).

      (4) Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Security Affairs).

      (5) Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

      (6) FEMA (incident in USA).
2. **Report Content and Sample Reports.** This report format is the same as the OPREP-3PBA. The flagword PINNACLE may be added at any level of command to expedite forwarding of this message to the NMCC. See Appendix D for sample reports.
APPENDIX L

EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORT--OPREP-3 FADED GIANT

(Short Title--OPREP-3FG)

1. **Specific Reporting Instructions.** The OREP-3FG report is used by any unit to provide the joint force commander, appropriate commanders, officials, and agencies with notification of nuclear reactor or radiological accidents or incidents. Such events do not involve nuclear weapons but are of vital interest to all levels of government. Included in this category are:

   a. An uncontrolled criticality resulting in damage to the reactor core or an event such as a loss of coolant that results in significant release of fission products from the reactor core.

   b. The uncontrolled release of radioactive material which presents a hazard to life, health, or property, or which may result in any person exceeding the acceptable limits for exposure to ionizing radiation.

   c. Any expected event involving radioactive materials or radiation exposure that prudence dictates to be of such consequence to warrant the informational interest of those officials listed in Appendix K (OPREP-3BS). Included in this category are those events which could have domestic or international implications and those which could be of significant interest to the public.

2. **Report Content and Sample Reports.** This message format is the same as the OREP-3PBA. The flagword PINNACLE may be added at any level of command to expedite forwarding of this message to the NMCC. See Appendix D for sample reports.
ENCLOSURE B

NUDETSUM REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. **Purpose.** NUDETSUMs report information pertaining to nuclear detonations in areas outside the North American continent. Nuclear detonations on the North American continent will be reported by CINCNORAD in accordance with NORAD reporting procedures. The NUDETSUM report is intended to support damage assessment at the national level. The first use of nuclear weapons will be reported using the OPREP-3 reporting procedures.

2. **Submitted To.** The NUDETSUM will be submitted to the primary node of the NMCS (NMCC, NMCC Site R, USSTRATCOM Command Center, or NEACP, as applicable). Message reports will be submitted to AIC 931.

3. **When Submitted.** The NUDETSUM will be submitted as soon as possible after nuclear detonations occur within a CINC's area of responsibility.

4. **How Submitted**
   a. **Classification.** NUDETSUM reports are UNCLASSIFIED.
   b. **Method of Transmission.** NUDETSUM reports will be passed by voice transmission to the Primary Node of the NMCS. Secure telephone will be used for reports if available. The voice report should be followed up with a record communications report.
   c. **Precedence.** The reports will be submitted with a precedence of FLASH.
   d. **MINIMIZE.** NUDETSUM reports will not be affected by the imposition of MINIMIZE.

5. **Specific Reporting Instructions.** These reports will always contain the items specified in paragraph 6. The information reported will be submitted in accordance with USMTF formatting instructions specified in reference d.

6. **Report Content.** The following information will be included in the NUDETSUM report:
   a. Time at which information has applicability (ASOFDTG).
b. Location and time of nuclear detonations (NUDETINF).
This line may be repeated to report multiple detonations in
the same message. Fields are sequence number, detonation
location name, detonation location, and time of detonation.

7. Sample Reports

a. Voice Report. "This is a NUDETSUM from USCINCEUR as of
080805Z. Nudet 005, Stuttgart, 4846N 00913E, 080800Z.
Nudet 006, Frankfurt, 5007N 00840E, 080802Z. End."

b. Message Report

FROM: USCINCEUR
TO: AIG 931

UNCLAS
MSGID/NUDETSUM/USCINCEUR/002//
ASOFDTG/080810Z//
NUDETINF/005/STUTTGART/4846N00913E/080800Z//
NUDETINF/006/FRANKFURT/5007N00840E/080802Z//
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REFERENCES


b. DOD Directive 3150.5 series, "DOD Response to Improvised Nuclear Device Incidents."

c. DOD Directive 5100.52 series, "DOD Response to an Accident or Significant Incident Involving Radioactive Materials."


g. DOD Regulation 5200.1R series, "Information Security Program Regulation."

h. Joint Pub 5-03.1, 4 August 1993, "Joint Operation Planning and Execution System, Vol I (Planning Policies and Procedures)."

i. MCM-151-92, 29 October 1992, "Alert System for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Concepts and Actions)."
