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Systems Enterprise Database (SWPS-EDB) to produce an output file of detailed missile strike information. Vendors include Microsoft.

MW. Database, a component of the Strategic Warfare Planning System .

National Airborne Operations Center (NAOC). The STRATCOM airborne command post.

National Command Authorities (NCA). "The National Command Authorities consist only of the President and the Secretary of Defense or their duly deputized alternates or successors." (JCS, Emergency Action Procedures, Vol. 1, 1 April 1984, pp. 1-16 and 1-17, released under the FOIA). The JSCP Nuclear Supplement states that "the chain of command runs from the President to the Secretary of Defense to the commanders of the unified commands. The channel of communication for execution of the SIOP and other time-sensitive operations is from the President through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the executing commanders." (CJCS/J-5, "Nuclear Supplement to Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan for FY 1996 (JSCP FY 96)," CJCSI 3110.04, 12 February 1996, pp. GL-13-14, partially declassified and released under the FOIA).

The NCA dates from a National Security Council document, "United States Policy on Atomic Weapons," 10 September 1948, which states that "the decision as to the employment of atomic weapons in the event of war is to be made by the Chief Executive when he considers such decision to be required." (J.L. Gaddis and T. Etzold, *Containment: Documents on American Policy and Strategy, 1945-1950*, (NY: Columbia University Press, 1978).

National Desired Ground Zero (DGZ) List (NDL) Integrated Development System (NIDS). Strategic Warfare Planning System application, a modernized planning tool which builds and maintains DGZs in the NDL, performs data validation, constructs and maintains target island boundaries, and applies option coding (for SIOP options). NIDS also performs quality assurance and casualty assessments for the DGZs. NIDS integrates over 20 programs previously used separately for DGZ construction and coding into a single interactive graphics workstation. NIDS-II, which is scheduled for IOC in January 1999, will reengineer the functionality of target development/maintenance from NTBS and Target Planning System (TPS) with DGZ construction and maintenance from NIDS. NIDS-II incorporates PDCALC (Probability of Damage Calculator) and FAS/CIVIC, and receives data from the UKLO (SACEUR) database, the CIA's WDB, the NIMA WVS, and the NTBS (IDHS) database via EISI. NIDS-II is developed and managed by SAIC. Vendors include Microsoft, Softguard Systems, Sun, CDI, SpeedLink, Everex Systems, Inc., Haestad methods, FaxPoint Tech, Desaware, STAC, Vinca, and Oracle.

National Desired Ground Zero List (NDL). The authoritative list of all SIOP desired ground zeros (DGZs or aim points), part of the Strategic Warfare Planning System, and derived from the National Target Base (NTB). It is that aspect of the weapons assignment (allocation) stage of SIOP production that matches weapons with DGZs. See also NDL Integrated Development System (NIDS) and NDL Maintenance.

National DGZ Support System (NDLSS). Component of the software architecture of the NDL Integrated Development System (NIDS). (STRATCOM/J66, "U.S. Strategic Command