

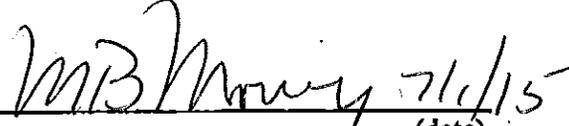
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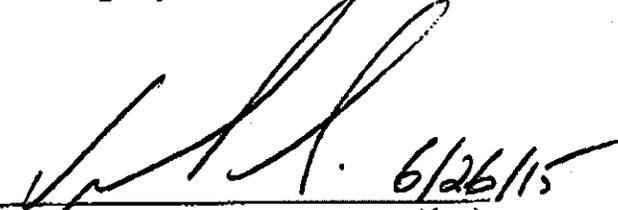
We have determined, pursuant to section 142 c. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, that the following information can be declassified and released to the public without undue risk to the common defense and security of the United States:

- 1) The fact that U.S. nuclear weapons were deployed on Okinawa prior to Okinawa's reversion to Japan on May 15, 1972.
- 2) Any reference to the simple presence of U.S. nuclear weapons on Okinawa prior to reversion is considered an approved exception to the worldwide neither-confirm-nor-deny policy concerning the presence or absence of U.S. nuclear weapons in a specific location abroad.
- 3) The fact that prior to the reversion of Okinawa back to Japan that the U.S. Government conducted internal discussions, and discussions with Japanese government officials regarding the possible re-introduction of nuclear weapons onto Okinawa in the event of an emergency or crisis situation.



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