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**Subject: 219. Red Team: Maximum Velocity Elimination of Nuclear
Weapons**

Dear Dr. Fischhoff and Colleagues:

A Red Team project - recommended by the National Academy of Sciences - should respond to the important book, edited by former Secretary George Shultz et al., Reykjavik Revisited: Steps Toward a World Free of Nuclear Weapons (2008). It is time to challenge conventional political assumptions and the pace of events.

The project should ask: If the future of the world depends on the elimination of nuclear weapons, and if President Obama wants to do so, does the DNI yet have the data, the strategic plan, and the desktop management information systems to achieve maximum velocity?

A coalition of distinguished former US officials (including Shultz, Kissinger, and former Secretary of Defense William Perry) and the Nuclear Threat Initiative - www.nti.org, co-directed by Sam Nunn and Ted Turner - are associated with this thoughtful volume. A generation (including former President Ronald Reagan) that grew up in a world without the threat of nuclear destruction has helped to make this cause one of its greatest legacies. They are right: We should not be accommodating to nuclear weapons; and we should be building international cultures and futures that will eliminate them naturally.

- Nuclear weapons will not be eliminated without a good strategic plan and a managed process. This could include a high visibility movement. Or it might be a slow departure as aging weapons are, by quiet government agreements, not replaced or are disassembled with monitoring to prevent surprise attacks.

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