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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SE
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FROM: HQ AFSC/SEW
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SUBJECT: AFSC/SEW Policy #2003-3, Hazard Classification of M278 and M156 Warheads
in a LAU-131 Launcher or Transportation Module

When the 2.75" Infrared Illuminating Warheads, M278, and the 2.75" White Phosphorus Warheads, M156, are stored in a LAU-131 launcher or transportation module (out of shipping containers), hazard classification sympathetic detonation testing has demonstrated that there is not a prompt sympathetic detonation of high explosive components between the 2.75" rockets. Therefore, an HD 1.2.1 should be used for explosives siting of the subject rockets in a LAU-131 launcher or transportation module. The M156 warhead sympathetic detonation test results are documented in AFSC/SEV letter dated 11 Jan 78. The M278 warhead sympathetic detonation test results are documented in a NOSSA letter dated 10 Dec 98. Both of these documents are available upon request.

The above requirements will be incorporated into the next change to AFMAN 91-201. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kevin Carr, AFSC/SEWCH, DSN 246-2662.


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