

Daniel Ellsberg leaks documents showing U.S. military sought nuclear strike on China in 1958

Limited war Contingency Planning

Along with these three routine contingency planning operations by the National Security Council, the U. S. Intelligence Board, and the military, a fourth contingency planning operation for the possible defense of the Off Islands was underway but not completed at the time of outbreak of the crisis.

At the request of President Eisenhower, a joint Defense-CIA [Central Intelligence Agency] committee has been created to study possible limited war contingencies

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The document shows U.S. military planners were ready to accept the risk that the Soviet Union would launch its own nuclear retaliation on behalf of its ally China and that millions of people would die.

Daniel Ellsberg told the Times he decided to disclose the document now due to rising tensions between the United States and China over Taiwan.

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