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LEMAY WAS AN AMERICAN ICON. HE WAS CELEBRATED HERE AT HOME FOR HIS POLICY OF BOMBING JAPANESE CITIES WITH INCINDIARY BOMBS. SO MANY OF THE HOMES WERE VULNERABLE TO FIRE. FOR EXAMPLE: IN ONE MARCH 1945 AIR RAID KILLED OVER 125,000 JAPANESE. . .

His B-29 Bombers killed between 50-90% of residents of 57 of Japanese cities -

IT WAS LEMAY WHO ORCHESTRATED THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE BOMBING OF TOKYO AND NAGASAKI AT THE END OF WW II. (THIS WAS ALL UNNECESSARY SLAUGHTER SINCE JAPAN WAS READY TO SURRENDER WHEN STALIN'S ARMIES HAD DESTROYED HITLER'S LEGENDS. STALIN'S DECALRATION OF WAR AGAINST JAPAN CONVINCED THE EMPEROR TO SURRENDER.

BUT BEFORE THIS WAS ALLOWED TO END HOSTILITIES PRESIDENT TRUMAN GAVE THE GO AHEAD FOR THE US STRATEGIC AIR COMMEND UNDER LEMAY TO USE ATOMIC WEAPONS ON TOKYO AND NAGASAKI.

THIS WAS UNNESSARY. (ACTUALLY A WAR CRIME). BECAUSE FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES JAPAN WAS FINISHED. THESE 2 SUPER WEAPONS WERE NOT THE CLOSING EVENTS OF WW II BUT THE OPENING SALVOS OF THE COLD WAR. THEY WERE UNNECESSARY AND WERE WAR CRIMES.

THE TWO WEAPONS USED WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS OF ONE ANOTHER WERE PART OF A TEST OF BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK.

THE TOKYO BOME WAS A URANIUM WEAPON. THE NAGASAKI BOMB WAS A PLUTONIUM WEAPON. THE PURPOSE SERVED HERE WAS A FIELD TEST TO DETERMINE WHICH WOULD GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK.

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(ONE HAS TO WONDER IF FDR WAS STILL ALIVE WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE GO AHEAD TO LEMAY TO USE THESE HIDEOUS WEAPONS). THE US WAS PUTTING RUSSIA ON NOTICE. WE HAD THESE UNIQUE WEAPONS AND WERE NOT SHY ABOUT USING THEM.

(WONDER WHETHER FDR WOULD HAVE GIVEN LEMAY THE GO AHEAD TO USE THESE).

MENTION: JFK'S REFUSAL TO INVEST THE US IN VIETNAM. THE JCS WANTED TO INTERVENE IN VIETNAM. KENNEDY OPPOSED THE IDEA. KENNEDY WAS WARNED BY GENERAL DEGAULLE AND MACARTHUR THAT VN WAS A SINKHOLE---US TO USE ENDLESS FUNDS AND LIVES AND FAIL IN BOTH THE SHORT AND THE LONG RUN IN DENYING BOTH VIETNAM AND LAOS FROM FALLING TO HO CHI MINH AND THE INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S DESION TO INVOLVE THE US IN VIETNAM WAS DRAMATIC PROOF THAT JFK WAS RIGHT ON VIETNAM (AND SE ASIA—LAOS AND CAMBODIA).

IN NOVEMBER 1961 JFK PURGED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHO SUPPORTED ~~AND~~ ^{US} US ESCALATION AND REPLACED THEM WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS (GEORGE BALL, AVERILL HARRIMAN, AND OTHERS). CALLED THE THANKSGIVING DAY MASSACRE.

MCNAMARA WAS NAMED ^{BY} BY KENNEDY TO BE IN CHARGE OF HIS VIETNAM POLICY.

THIS DID NOT GO OVER BIG WITH THE SENIOR RANKS OF THE MILITARY.

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BY 1961 IT WAS CLEAR THAT KENNEDY HAD COME OF AGE AND WAS IN CHARGE OF THE NATION'S FOREIGN POLICY.

LEMAY, JCS, AND THE JOINT CHIEFS PLAN FOR A PREEMPTIVE NUCLEAR STRIKE ON THE SOVIET UNION. ON JULY 20, 1961 THE JCS MET W/ PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO DISCUSS SIOP (THE SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN—62).

THE PLAN CALLED FOR A PREEMPTIVE NUCLEAR STRIKE ON THE SOVIET UNION, ALL OF THE SO-CALLED SOVIET SATELLITE NATIONS—POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RUMANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA, LITHUANIA, BULGARIA.

CHINA WAS ALSO INCLUDED.

LEMAY ACTUALLY SCHEDULED 70 NUKES TO BE DROPPED ON MOSCOW ALONE!!!!!!

CUS had 204 ICBM's - range to USSR - could reach Soviet Union had 20 ICBM's Soviet Union

THE ATTACK WAS SCHEDULED FOR 1963. IT WOULD INCLUDE MOST OF THE US'S NUCLEAR STOCK PILE. THIS WAS A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE. BY THAT I MEAN IT WAS SO MASSIVE THAT IT WOULD NEGATE ANY RESPONSE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

CASUALTIES: PENTAGON ESTIMATES:

FOR RUSSIA AND CHINA THE LOWEST FIGURE WAS 250,000,000 TO HIGH END OF THE SCALE AT ABOUT 350,000,000 MEGA DEATHS.

ANOTHER 100,000,000 WOULD DIE IN THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES MENTIONED ABOVE.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE DEATHS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES WOULD DECIMATE POPULATIONS IN FINLAND, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, AFGHANISTAN, AS WELL AS JAPAN AND PAKISTAN.

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FALLOUT FROM THE US ATTACK WOULD AFFECT OUR ALLIES IN NATO TO THE TUNE OF AT LEAST 100,000, DEPENDIG ON WHICH WAY THE WIND WAS BLOWING AT THE TIME.

THERE WAS NO CALULATION OF SOVIET NUCLEAR RESPONSE TO THE SURPRISE ATTACK.

ALSO IN 1963 THERE WAS NO CONSIDERATION OR THOUGHT ABOUT NUCLEAR WINTER (THIS WAS BEFORE CARAL SAGAN, AT AL. to the mix)
THREW THIS POSSIBILITY INTO THE MIX.

SOURCE: DANIEL ELLSBERG'S SECRETS (VIKING PRESS, 20020, PP. 58-59).

AN ASIDE: "OPERATION NORTHWOODS" WAS A SERIES OF JCS PROVOCATIONS THAT WERE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A CASUS BELLI (EXCUSE FOR INVADING CUBA). GENERAL LEMNITZER (HEAD OF THE JOINT CHIEFS) WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM.

It involved a series provocations that could be used as a reason for the US military's justification for invading Cuba. The JCS argument was that a series of these provocations could be used to convince the American people and force JFK to agree to an invasion of Castro's Cuba.

Some examples: Guantanamo attacked by American Cubans disguised as Fidelestars throwing bombs over the wire.

Schemes in Miami where disguised Fidelistas harassed anti-Castro Cubans. Even planned on the taking of lives.

Pretending (w/ false news reports) to shooting down an American commercial craft by Castro planes that was carrying vacationers to vacation spots in the Caribbean.