# W.O.P.R SYSTEM OPERATION MANUAL

This manual is intended to give new users assistance with operating the WOPR, or War Operation Plan Response, simulation system. This guide, specifically Sec 1. & appendixes A-D, may be handy to have nearby when operating the system.

#### Sec. 1: Command Line Interface

The WOPR System functions on a command line interface, which accepts commands, some with and some without an argument. Commands are submitted by pressing enter, and when an argument is provided, should be separated from the command by a single space. Basic commands can be issued at any time, even if the system is asking for an input.

**HELP:** Prints the list of commands, as well as basic descriptors for each. Can take arguments **GAMES**, **FIRSTSTRIKE**, or **LAUNCH**.

MANUAL: Opens this manual.

LAUNCH: Enters Launch Mode. More information on the next page.

TOGGLE: Sets WOPR War Map display to show or hide cities.

Healthy cities are displayed in **GREEN**, irradiated cities are displayed in **YELLOW**, and destroyed cities are displayed in **RED**. In the WOPR system, the phrase TARGET refers to one of these cities.

CLEAR: Clears the right-side information panel display.

PAUSE: Pauses the simulation timer.

RESUME: Resumes the simulation timer.

EXIT: Terminates connection to WOPR system.

LIST <COUNTRY>: Lists the available priority targets in each country, sorted by Zone and Name.

**NUKES <COUNTRY>:** Lists payload delivery vehicles of specified country.

VIEW <TARGET>: Lists data of specified high-priority city.

#### INFO <VEHICLE>:

Lists data of specified payload delivery vehicle. Vehicles are considered inactive if they have no more available warheads, or if all cities upon which they 'Depend' upon are destroyed.

#### Sec. 1.5: How to Launch Missiles

The command **'LAUNCH'** will bring the WOPR system into "Launch Protocol", which allows the user to launch warheads. The system will then show prompts for the following:

SOURCE: The name of a nuclear launch site from which the payload originates. Full lists of included payload delivery vehicles are found at Appendix C. for the UNITED STATES and Appendix D. for the SOVIET UNION, or the command NUKES <country> in WOPR. The source should be from the user's selected country.

**DESTINATION:** A valid priority target from **the enemy's country.**This destination must be within the "**Delivery Zone**" of the specified source.

#### PAYLOAD STRENGTH:

An integer larger than zero and less than or equal to the specified source's current payload capacity.

'BACK' Can be entered at any time during Launch Protocol to exit Launch Protocol.

## Sec. 2: Simulation "Gameplay"

The WOPR system is designed to simulate a "Global Thermonuclear War" between the UNITED STATES and the SOVIET UNION. This is done by simulating nuclear detonations over twenty-four high priority targets in each nation.

To "WIN" the simulation, the user must destroy the enemy nation completely while remaining ABOVE a population threshold of twenty percent.

The user will begin by choosing a nation to control by entering the country's name or number identifier. Throughout the rest of the simulation, countries can be referred to in commands by either their name or number identifier.

UNITED STATES : 1 SOVIET UNION : 2

Next, the user will be prompted to enter a "First Strike Command". To do so, type in the name of a city to be targeted by an initial nuclear strike. Press enter, and if the target is valid, the user will be prompted to enter a second target. Submitting the second target will end First Strike Command and begin the simulation.

The lists of high-priority cities are in Appendix A. for UNITED STATES, and Appendix B. for SOVIET UNION.

The command 'LIST <country>' may also be used in the WOPR system.

After finishing the First Strike Command, the user is free to navigate the simulation as they please. The WOPR system will automatically take control of the enemy nation and launch warheads at scheduled intervals based on the user's response time, matching their via a sliding average.

#### Sec. 3: Hidden Mechanics

When a warhead is launched, the following calculations are made that the WOPR system does not display directly to the user:

- Calculation for launch preparation times due to mass armament requests
- Calculation for chance of critical launch failure due to equipment or personnel malfunction
- Calculation for effectiveness of target city's anti-air and anti-missile air defenses
  - This calculation takes into account the number of warheads engaged in flight; the more warheads are engaged, the more likely all are to breach air defenses.
- Calculation of survival rates due to nuclear shelters
- Calculation of living but injured population
- Calculation of a) immediately irradiated population and b) population exposed to radiation post-detonation
- Calculation of injured and irradiated population receiving treatment at medical center; or succumbing to injuries/radiation sickness.

# Appendix A.: High-Priority targets in the UNITED STATES.

US WEST REGION:

Honolulu Las Vegas Los Angeles

Portland San Diego San Francisco

Seattle

US CENTRAL REGION:

Colorado Springs Dallas Denver

Houston Phoenix

US\_MIDWEST REGION:

Chicago Detroit Minneapolis

US EAST REGION:

Baltimore Boston New York

Philadelphia Washington DC

US\_SOUTH REGION:

Charlotte Jacksonville Miami

New Orleans

# Appendix B.: High Priority Targets in the SOVIET UNION.

# RU WEST REGION:

Kazan Leningrad Murmansk

Moscow Volgograd

RU\_SOUTH REGION:

Alma Ata Baku Dnepropetrovsk

Kharkov Kiev Odessa

Rostov on Don Tashkent Tbilisi

Yerevan

RU URALS REGION:

Chelyabinsk Omsk Perm

Sverdlovsk Ufa

RU SIBERIA REGION:

Novosibirsk Yakutsk

RU ASIA REGION:

Magadan Vladivostok

# Appendix C.: Payload Delivery Vehicles in the United States

## ICBM Silos:

#### Ellsworth

Can target all Zones

Depends on Colorado Springs & Washington, D.C.

#### Grand Forks

Can target all Zones

Depends on Colorado Springs & Washington, D.C.

#### Ft Warren

Can target all Zones

Depends on Colorado Springs & Washington, D.C.

#### Nuclear Submarine Bases:

## (Port Of) San Diego

Can target RU SIBERIA and RU ASIA

Depends on San Diego & Los Angeles

\*Shares a name with the target city San Diego.

#### Norfolk

Can target RU SOUTH and RU WEST

Depends on Charlotte and Washington, D.C.

## Pearl Harbor

Can target RU\_SIBERIA, RU\_ASIA, and RU\_URALS Depends on Honolulu

#### Nuclear Bomber Air Bases:

#### Alameda

Can target RU\_SIBERIA, RU\_ASIA, and RU\_URALS
Depends on San Diego, Los Angeles, & San Francisco

## Charleston

Can target RU\_SOUTH, RU\_WEST, and RU\_URALS Depends on Charlotte and Washington, D.C.

## Lakehurst

Can target RU\_SOUTH, RU\_WEST, and RU\_URALS Depends on New York, Boston, and Philadelphia

## Appendix D.: Payload Delivery Vehicles in the Soviet Union

## ICBM Silos:

# Derazhnya

Can target all Zones Depends on Leningrad

## Pervomaysk

Can target all Zones Depends on Moscow

# Dombarovskiy

Can target all Zones Depends on Volgograd

#### Uzhur

Can target all Zones Depends on Omsk

# Gladkaya

Can target all Zones
Depends on Novosibirsk

# Nuclear Submarine Bases:

# (Port Of) Leningrad

Can target US\_EAST and US\_SOUTH
Depends on Leningrad
\*Shares a name with the target city Leningrad

# Arkhangelsk

Can target US\_EAST and US\_SOUTH Depends on Murmansk

## (Port Of) Murmansk

Can target US\_EAST, US\_SOUTH, and US\_MIDWEST Depends on Murmansk

\*Shares a name with the target city Murmansk

#### (Port Of) Magadan

Can target US\_WEST, US\_CENTRAL, and US\_MIDWEST Depends on Magadan & Vladivostok \*Shares a name with the target city Magadan

## (Port Of) Rostov on Don

Can target US\_EAST

Depends on Rostov on Don

\*Shares a name with the target city Rostov on Don

# Cam Ranh Bay

Can target US\_WEST, US\_CENTRAL, and US\_MIDWEST Offshore Operation - Has No Dependencies

# Appendix D., Cont.

# Nuclear Bomber Air Bases:

## Afrikanda

Can target US\_EAST, US\_SOUTH, and US\_MIDWEST Depends on Murmansk, Moscow, Leningrad

## Beketovsk

Can target US\_EAST, US\_SOUTH, and US\_MIDWEST Depends on Volgograd

# Artsyz

Can target US\_EAST, US\_SOUTH, and US\_MIDWEST Depends on Odessa

# Uzyn

Can target US\_EAST, US\_SOUTH, and US\_CENTRAL Depends on Kiev

## Semey

Can target US\_EAST, US\_SOUTH, and US\_CENTRAL Depends on Alma Ata