Subject: Re: Suicide Note

Posted by Blast on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 23:48:30 GMT

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j_ball430 wrote on Wed, 11 October 2006 18:20Blast wrote on Wed, 11 October 2006 19:16Those are active. I mean total.

United States 5,735/9,960 Russia 5,830/16,000

Those are the totals.

Also, Canada does not have any warheads anymore. Not since 1984.

Canada has a well developed nuclear technology base, large uranium reserves and markets reactors for civilian use. While Canada has the technological capabilities to develop nuclear weapons, there is no hard evidence it has done so, nor has Canada ever stated an intention to do so. Canada has been an important contributor of both expertise and raw materials to the American program in the past, and had even helped with the Manhattan Project. In 1959, NATO proposed to Canada that the RCAF assume a nuclear strike role in Europe. Thus in 1962 six Canadian CF-104 squadrons based in Europe were formed into the RCAF Nuclear Strike Force armed with B28 nuclear bombs (originally Mk 28) under the NATO nuclear weapons sharing program; the Force was disbanded in 1972 when Canada opted out of the nuclear strike role. Canada accepted having American W-40 nuclear warheads under dual key control on Canadian soil in 1963 to be used on the Canadian BOMARC missiles. The Canadian air force also maintained a stockpile of AIR-2 Genie unguided nuclear air-to-air rockets as the primary wartime weapon on the CF-101 Voodoo all-weather interceptor after 1965. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau declared Canada would be a nuclear weapon-free country in 1971, and the last American warheads were withdrawn in 1984. Canada gave India its first research reactor, the CIRUS, in 1956 and this reactor was used to make the nuclear material used in India's first nuclear device. Canada also produces the renowned CANDU reactor and has sold the technology to several countries, including China, South Korea, India, Romania, Argentina, and Pakistan. However there is no credible evidence that CANDU reactors were used to breed weapons grade material for either India and Pakistan. Canada nevertheless cut off nuclear trade with those two countries after they detonated nuclear weapons.

I stand corrected on Canada's nukes.

However, those numbers do not include dismantled or disassembled nukes. I know for a fact that the US has thousands more(The military base in my city used to house several and used to have plenty of information on disposal, safety, and dissassembly schedules, and numbers).