

Chapter 17

Nuclear Weapon Proliferation

*I wonder how they blew it up or if they burned it down. Get out, get out, Mr. Lot,
and don't you look around.*

Robert Hunter, Jerry Garcia, **Gomorrah**

How I Learned to Love the Bomb

<history of nuclear weapons>

Israeli Nuclear Weapon Strategy

Israeli nuclear weapon strategy is constituted by a policy of phased escalation.

Phase 1: Strategic Ambiguity - Israel's official, public position as summarized by Prime Minister Shimon Perez and repeated by subsequent Israeli Prime Ministers is "Israel promises not to be the first nation to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East, but we also promise not to be second." Israel does not explicitly acknowledge its possession of nuclear weapons, but it tacitly acknowledges the fact as an open secret. It is generally accepted that the official position of Israel is that possessing nuclear weapons does not constitute "introducing them". Only a public acknowledgement of this possession would constitute a formal introduction of them.

Phase 2: Covert means to threaten other nations - while publicly unacknowledged, purposeful leaks to intelligence services of allies and adversaries has been used to communicate to its neighbors that Israel does, in fact, possess nuclear weapons, and Israel has a distinct policy for the utilization of these weapons.

Phase 3: Public Allusions - Various Israeli leaders have made public statements tacitly acknowledging their nuclear weapons capability. These leaders are often publicly censured as having made unauthorized statements, reinforcing the public position of strategic ambiguity, preserving the intended impact of the statement.

Phase 4: Public Demonstration - This tactic is established by acknowledging a nuclear research program with the qualification that weaponization is not an aspect of the program. This phase was also implemented in 1991 when Israel test-fired the Jericho 2 missile into the Mediterranean Sea at a range exactly the same distance to Baghdad in the opposite direction.

Phase 5: The Samson Option - This final phase of Israel's nuclear weapon strategy is the a policy that states that if the State of Israel's destruction is ever imminent, it will launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike upon neighboring nations, targeting Cairo Ankara, Damascus, Amman, Baghdad, Riyadh, and Tehran. It is worth noting that this "destruction of the State of Israel" is in regards to the toppling of the established state and not necessarily a threat of destruction of the civilian population.

The Nuclear Weapon Non-Proliferation Treaty

US funding violates US Law / Constitution - terms of international treaties become components of US law based upon the Constitutional power of treaty ascribed to the US Congress

Iraq

Pakistan

India

Iran

Turkey