outside world which could restore and rebuild Japan. In a future war, there would be no such ability to rescue the "survivors."

In a full-scale nuclear war with the Soviet Union 100 million... 150 million...or more Americans would die. More destructive power than in all of World War II would be unleashed each second during the brief hours it would take for the missiles to fall.

More people would be killed in the first few hours than in all the wars of history put together. These would be the immediate casualties. Those who escaped the blast would die more slowly from radiation exposure, disease, and starvation.

This is the bleak, inescapable reality. As physicians who have studied the medical consequences of nuclear war, we know there would be no victors -- only the dead and the dying.

Because the Reagan Administration remains committed to the biggest arms buildup in our history, we of Physicians for Social Responsibility are compelled to issue this grim warning based on medical and scientific analysis:

1. Nuclear war, even a "limited" one, would result in death, injury, and disease on a scale that has no precedent in the history of human existence.

2. Medical "disaster planning" for nuclear war is meaningless. As the enclosure details, there is no possible effective medical response. Most hospitals would be destroyed, most medical personnel dead or injured, most supplies unavailable. The vast majority of the "survivors" would die.

3. There is no effective civil defense against nuclear war. The blast, thermal and radiation effects would kill even those in shelters, and the fallout would reach those who had been evacuated.

4. Recovery from nuclear war would be impossible. The economic, environmental and social fabric on which human life depends would be destroyed in the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and much of the rest of the world.

5. There can be no winners in a nuclear war. Worldwide fallout would contaminate much of the globe for generations and atmospheric effects would severely damage all living things, as well as food and water supplies.

6. In sum, there is no cure for nuclear war, only prevention.

Yet, in the next five years the Administration wants to spend more than $290 billion preparing to fight a nuclear war. This policy can only

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