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US considered using nuclear weapons against Afghanistan after 9/11

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Following the 9/11 terror attack in Washington and New York by al-Qaeda terrorist network, the administration of President George W. Bush considered using nuclear weapons against Afghanistan to response the attacks, it has been reported.

The option to use nuclear weapons in response to the terror attacks was reportedly confirmed by political advisor to then-German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder.

In response to a question regarding the option to use nuclear weapons Michael Steiner told the German daily newspaper Der Spiegel “The papers were written.”

“They had really played through all possibilities,” Steiner said, adding that Schroder had feared that the U.S., which was in a state of shock following the attacks, would overreact.

The attacks orchestrated by Al-Qaida’s Osama bin Laden left nearly 3,000 people dead.

Steiner further added that Schroder rejected his idea to publish a statement declaring “unconditional support” for the United States.

According to the newspaper, Schroder also rejected to join the US-led coalition in the military against Iraq in 2003 which further intensified tensions between him and the US President George Bush.