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SUBJ: CRUISE MISSILE DEFINITION (SALT TWO-663)

1. THE DELEGATION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION FOR ADDITION TO ARTICLE II OF THE JDT AT SUCH TIME AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE: "A" CRUISE MISSILE IS ANY NUCLEAR-CAPABLE, UNMANNED, SELF-PROPELLED, GUIDED MISSILE, WHICH SUSTAINS FLIGHT THROUGH USE OF AERODYNAMIC LIFT OVER MOST OF ITS RANGE,"
2. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WERE AMONG THOSE CONSIDERED BY THE DELEGATION: (A) "MISSILE" CARRIES THE CONNOTATION OF BEING ARMED AND UNMANNED, IT WAS CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE FACTORS SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE EXPLICIT IN THE DEFINITION, (B) "AERODYNAMIC LIFT" IS A KEY FACTOR IN DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN BALLISTIC AND CRUISE MISSILES, "OVER MOST OF ITS RANGE," IS INTENDED TO EXCLUDE MARVS AND TO INCLUDE HYBRIDS, (C) "NUCLEAR-CAPABLE" DESCRIBES CRUISE MISSILES DEVELOPED AND FLIGHT TESTED FOR A NUCLEAR ROLE, IT WOULD INCLUDE CRUISE MISSILES WHOSE DEPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING FACILITIES ARE IDENTIFIED WITH A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, IT DOES NOT APPLY TO RPVS OR TO MISSILES WHICH ARE UNARMED OR DEVELOPED AND DEPLOYED ONLY WITH CONVENTIONAL WARHEADS, (D) "SELF-PROPELLED" IS USED TO EXCLUDE, E.G. GLIDE VEHICLES AND REENTRY VEHICLES,
3. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT, EVEN WITH THIS DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY THE DEFINITION LEAVES SOME ROOM FOR VERIFICATION AMBIGUITY, THE DELEGATION BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROPOSED DEFINITION BEST BALANCES THE NEED FOR VERIFICATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PRESERVING FLEXIBILITY FOR US PROGRAMS,
4. FACTORS CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION AND REJECTED ARE: VELOCITY, ALTITUDE, RANGE, MISSION, LAUNCH MODE, AND AERODYNAMIC SURFACES. JOHNSON

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