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EYES ONLY FOR: AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH, SALT, HELSINKI

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE: HELSINKI 0272

REPEALING OF OUR 2-FOR-2 ABM POSITION AS YOU PROPOSE SOMETIME
NEXT WEEK IS THE RIGHT COURSE. HOWEVER, I WOULD WANT TO CHECK
THIS WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE GIVING FINAL APPROVAL. PERHAPS YOU
COULD CONTINUE TO PROBE SEMYONOV'S INTEREST IN SLBMS UNTIL NEXT
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY AND CHECK WITH ME BEFORE GIVING HIM A
DETAILED PROPOSAL. IF SEMYONOV PRESENTS SLBM POSITION OF INTEREST
TO US BEFORE THEN, YOU SHOULD NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY AND I WILL
OBTAIN A PROMPT DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED. IN ANY CASE, IT
IS OUR INTENTION TO HAVE YOU MOVE AHEAD ON ABM/SLBM PACKAGE
NO LATER THAN NEXT WEEKEND.

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State Dept. review completed

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EYES ONLY FOR Ambassador Gerard Smith, SALT, Helsinki

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger, The White House *K*

REFERENCE: Helsinki 0272

Unfolding of our 2-for-2 ABM position as you propose sometime next week is the right course. However, I would want to check this with the President before giving final approval. Perhaps you could continue to probe Semyonov's interest in SLBMs until next Wednesday or Thursday and check with me before giving him a detailed proposal. If Semyonov presents SLBM position of interest to us before then, you should notify me immediately and I will obtain a prompt decision on how to proceed. In any case, it is our intention to have you move ahead on ABM/SLBM package no later than next weekend.

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