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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER EYES ONLY

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DEAR HENRY:

BEFORE HIS DINNER LAST NIGHT SEMENOV, READING FROM
TYPESCRIPT, SAID "ANY SOLUTION ENVISAGING DEPLOYMENT OF ABMS
FOR THE PROTECTION OF A GREATER NUMBER OF TARGETS THAN NATIONAL
CAPITALS WOULD, OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, MEAN THAT THE STRATEGIC
ARMS RACE WOULD CONTINUE." THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SEMENOV HAS
INDICATED THAT SOME ARRANGEMENT OTHER THAN NCA/NCA IS IN THE CARDS.

HE ALSO (EXPLICITLY CONTRARY TO TRUSOV'S INDICATION TO
ALLISON) REPEATED SOVIET INTEREST IN PURSUING ABM BAN. HE STATED
THAT THE SOVIET PLENARY STATEMENTS ON ABMS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY
WRITTEN SO AS NOT TO RULE OUT A BAN POSSIBILITY. SO THAT SMITH
AND WASHINGTON WOULD BE COMPLETELY CLEAR, HE SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS
WERE TO ASK FOR CONCRETE CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE CONTENTS OF
AMERICAN PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE WAS A
REAL POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON A BAN. HE WAS
WAITING FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE TO ADVANCE SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS
ABOUT A BAN WHEN SMITH RECEIVED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM
WASHINGTON.

HE BRUSHED ASIDE AS A MISUNDERSTANDING TRUSOV'S SUGGESTION
TO ALLISON THAT TWO SAFEGUARD SITES WOULD BE "LESS UNEQUAL",
SAYING THAT ANY COVERAGE OF WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS WOULD FORM
THE BASIS FOR AN AREA DEFENSE AND "CONTAIN WITHIN ITSELF AN
ELEMENT OF INEQUALITY."

HE REPEATED THAT US OFFENSIVE TEXT WAS CURRENTLY BEING
EXAMINED BY APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN MOSCOW.

I RECALLED FAVORING A FASTER TEMPO OF WORK AND THAT WE HAD
PROPOSED THREE OR FOUR MEETINGS A WEEK. HE SAID WE WOULD HAVE
TWO MINI-PLENARIES THIS WEEK AND LAST NIGHT'S PRIVATE CONVERSATION
MADE A THIRD MEETING. HE BELIEVED THIS PRACTICE WOULD CONTINUE
IN THE FUTURE.

WARM REGARDS.

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