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TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER  
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DEAR HENRY:

RE YOUR MESSAGE AUGUST 5.

I DO NOT BELIEVE TABLING ABM BAN HERE WOULD RESULT IN ANY LOSS OF MOMENTUM (WHICH IS NOT GREAT AT PRESENT). ON THE CONTRARY, I BELIEVE IT WOULD SPEED THINGS UP. AS EARLIER REPORTED, I BELIEVE SOVIET WILL NOT MOVE MUCH HERE UNTIL THEY KNOW WHETHER THE NEGOTIATION IS FOR A BAN OR A LIMITATION. ON AUGUST 4TH SEMENOV PRESSED AGAIN FOR OUR BAN PROPOSAL REPEATING HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY US BAN PROPOSAL TO SEE IF IT WAS A REALISTIC PROPOSITION.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I BELIEVE THAT DIVERSION OF THE BAN EXCHANGE STARTED HERE ON JULY 13TH TO A DIFFERENT CHANNEL WOULD DELAY MATTERS AND CONFUSE THE OVERALL NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

IF YOU LIKE, I COULD SOUND OUT SEMENOV TO SEE IF HE CONFIRMS DOBRYNIN'S ESTIMATE.

WARM REGARDS.  
GERRY SMITH

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