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FM AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH, SALT DELEGATION, VIENNA 104
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY DR. HENRY KISSINGER.
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IN THINKING ABOUT SALT AND US-USSR STRATEGIC BALANCE,
YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO RECALL FOR PRESIDENT THAT SINCE SALT
STARTED NOVEMBER 1969 SOVIETS HAVE INCREASED THEIR STRATEGIC
MISSILE LAUNCHERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL BY ABOUT
21 PERCENT. IN SAME TIME PERIOD, U.S. HAS INCREASED ITS OPERA-
TIONAL INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE WARHEADS BY 100 PERCENT.

SALT FREEZE WE ARE NEGOTIATING WILL HALT SOME IF NOT
ALL NEW STARTS OF SOVIET LAUNCHERS WHILE U.S. REMAINS FREE TO
CONTINUE ITS WARHEAD PROGRAM WHICH PRESENTLY CALLS FOR A
DOUBLING OF TODAY'S NUMBERS IN A FEW YEARS.

GERARD SMITH

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