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National Security Decision Memorandum 216

TO:           The Secretary of State  
              The Acting Secretary of Defense  
              The Acting Director, Arms Control and  
                  Disarmament Agency  
              Chairman, U.S. SALT Delegation

SUBJECT:      Instructions for SALT Talks

1. The U.S. Delegation to the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks should be guided by the following additional instructions, in addition to those contained in NSDM 213.

2. The elements of the Interim Agreement on certain measures with respect to the Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms which are not modified by NSDM 213 remain part of the U.S. position on a permanent SALT agreement. Specifically:

(a) There is to be no construction of additional fixed land-based ICBM launchers.

(b) There is to be no conversion of light and older ICBM launchers into launchers for modern large ballistic missiles.


(c) There would have to be appropriate provisions which would provide for the orderly and equitable transition from the provisions of Article III and the Protocol of the Interim Agreement to the terms of the new permanent agreement.

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(d) There would be provisions in a permanent agreement along the lines of Articles IV, V, VI and VIII.

3. The specific provisions under paragraph 4 of NSDM 213 relating to endoatmospheric penetration aids and dispensing mechanisms for exoatmospheric decoys should apply only to ICBMs.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Central Intelligence