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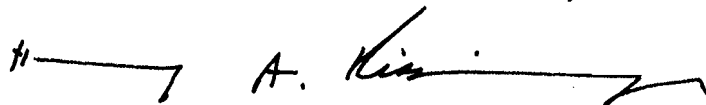
National Security Decision Memorandum 198

TO: Secretary of State  
Secretary of Defense  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: SALT Standing Consultative Commission

The President has approved the following guidance for the formation of the U. S. portion of the Standing Consultative Commission to be established under the Provisions of Article XIII of the ABM Treaty:

- A. The U. S. portion of the Commission will consist of a Commissioner and a Deputy to be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the addressees.
- B. The Commissioner and his Deputy will not serve on the U. S. SALT Delegation, but they will maintain liaison with that Delegation through their Executive Secretary.
- C. A U. S. Staff will be formed to support the U. S. portion of the Commission. This staff will be headed by the Executive Secretary and will include members as designated by the addressees to the Commissioner.
- D. Until the permanent Commissioner is appointed, negotiations for establishing the Commission will be conducted by the U. S. SALT Delegation, and the Chief of the U. S. Delegation will act as the U. S. Commissioner in both substantive and administrative matters.
- E. The Commission will operate under the direction of the Verification Panel. The Verification Panel Working Group will monitor the implementation of the agreements and will provide support in Washington for the Commission as necessary.



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