National Security Decision Memorandum 167

TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Director, Arms Control and
        Disarmament Agency
    The Director, Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Additional Instructions for the Strategic Arms
        Limitation Talks at Helsinki (SALT VII)

The President has made the following additional decisions for
Helsinki (SALT VII):

1. The Delegation should continue to press as long as possible
   for the U.S. position on OLPARs. However, if the Soviets continue
   their insistence on an OLPAR ceiling of about 10 million watt-meters
   squared or greater, the Delegation should withdraw the U.S. proposal
   for an agreed interpretive statement limiting OLPARs of potential
   greater than the MSR. At the same time, the Chairman of the Delegation
   should make a formal statement that the U.S. would view with serious
   concern future deployments of OLPARs with a potential greater than
   the MSR, except for purposes of space-tracking or national technical
   means.

2. The Delegation should continue to press as long as possible
   for the inclusion of mobile ICBMs in the Interim Agreement. However,
   if the Soviets continue to resist this, the Delegation should withdraw
   the U.S. proposal on mobile ICBMs. At the same time, the Chairman
   of the Delegation should make a formal statement along the following
   lines: The U.S. agrees to defer the question of specific limitation of
   mobile ICBM launchers to the subsequent negotiations on more com-
   plete offensive limitations, but would consider the deployment of
   operational mobile ICBM launchers during the period of the interim
   agreement as inconsistent with the objectives of that agreement and
   as jeopardizing its continued validity.
3. The steps in paragraphs 1 and 2 should be taken near the close of the Helsinki session. The Chairman of the Delegation should, at his discretion, decide on the exact timing.

4. Assuming continued Soviet rejection of the U.S. proposal to include in the Interim Agreement the provision regarding covered facilities for submarines, the Delegation should withdraw the proposal. At the same time, the Chairman of the Delegation should, unless he believes that this would seriously hamper the negotiations, make a formal statement along the lines of our present proposal.

5. The timing of the steps in paragraph 4 are at the discretion of the Chairman of the Delegation.

6. As recommended by the Delegation, paragraph 17 of NSDM 158 is hereby rescinded.

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