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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR BAN ON DEPLOYMENT OF ABM SYSTEMS FOR DEFENSE OF TERRITORY OF THE COUNTRY

1. ON NOVEMBER 19, SOVIETS REVISED THEIR ABM PROPOSAL AND PROPOSED REVISION OF ABM JOINT DRAFT TEXT TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING NEW POINT:

"THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO DEPLOY ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE (ABM) SYSTEMS FOR DEFENSE OF THE TERRITORY OF THE COUNTRY."

2. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT SOVIET WORDING COULD BE USED BY SOVIETS TO ARGUE AGAINST NEEDS FOR CONTROLS ON ABM RADARS, OTHER LARGE PHASED ARRAY RADARS, AND FUTURE ABM SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS TO RUTTRESSE SOVIET PROPOSAL OF SEPTEMBER 7.

3. DELEGATION THEREFORE PLANS TO INFORM SOVIETS THAT IT CONSIDERS BROAD UNDERTAKING TO BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IMPLEMENTING THESE OBJECTIVES, AND URGES CONCENTRATION OF EFFORTS ON SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS LIMITING ARM COMPONENTS, OTHER LARGE PHASED ARRAY RADARS, AND FUTURE ABM SYSTEMS.

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