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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: Outstanding Issues in SALT

There remain two issues which must be resolved before Administration witnesses begin testimony on the SALT agreements:

-- Do we intend to admit the "fact of" satellite surveillance?

-- What are the proper interpretations for the SLBM agreement? Are G-class boats clearly out of the agreement? Which is the first replacement boat?

The Fact Of

We sent you an earlier (see Tab A) memorandum which outlines the pros and cons and agency positions on this issue. A decision is urgently needed.

Your decision:

No, we will not announce "fact of" at this time. We can always do so later.

Yes, prepare a scenario for low-key announcement

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SLBM Interpretations

We have provided Dobrynin with our interpretation of the G-class issue. That is, G-class are clearly outside the agreement unless modernized and cannot be traded for Y-class. We have yet to receive confirmation of this interpretation.

We have also provided Dobrynin of two possible interpretations of which submarine will carry the 741st SLBM. That submarine will be either: (1) the next submarine to enter the construction halls; or, (2) some as yet unidentified submarine which the Soviets will identify on entering the construction halls as carrying the 741st SLBM. Again, we have yet to receive a reply.

We recommend earliest resolution of this issue so that we might prepare Agency spokesmen.

*Make agencies follow ~~up~~
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