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MEMORANDUM

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TO:                   The Vice President  
                       The Secretary of State  
                       The Secretary of Defense  
                       The Director, Office of Management  
                           and Budget  
                       The Director, Arms Control and  
                           Disarmament Agency  
                       The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
                       The Director of Central Intelligence  
                       The Administrator, National Aeronautics  
                           and Space Administration  
                       The Director, Office of Science and  
                           Technology Policy

SUBJECT:            Instructions to the US Delegation to the  
                       ASAT Talks with the Soviets Commencing  
                       January 23 in Bern (U)

The objectives of the second round of ASAT talks with the  
 Soviets are:

- To seek clarification of Soviet views regarding  
 the possibilities for (1) finding a verifiable  
 means for effectively eliminating their current  
 orbital interceptor capability, and (2) suspending  
 ASAT interceptor testing. (S)
- To continue informal discussions aimed at identifying  
 and clarifying areas of mutual understanding that  
 might be codified in an initial ASAT agreement. (U)

In discussing the question of dismantling, you may draw on  
 the ideas contained in the interagency study. However, you  
 must make it absolutely clear that any suggestions you make  
 in no way constitute a proposal. (U)

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In discussing the issue of a testing suspension, you should informally suggest a one-year suspension of testing at all altitudes. You should also make it clear to the Soviets that investigating the possibility of limits on high energy laser ASAT applications should get high priority in future talks. (S)

After discussing these specific issues with the Soviets, you should send me your assessment of the Soviets' interest in negotiating a two-part initial agreement consisting of a ban on damage, destruction, and unauthorized displacement of each other's satellites, plus a one-year suspension of ASAT interceptor testing. Except for the changes implied by the above instructions, the instructions for the first round remain in force. (TS)



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