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per sec. 3.3(b)(1)

TO: Ambassador Gerard Smith, Helsinki

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger H

We have just received strong demarche through the President's special channel with Moscow alleging that U.S. Delegation is moving too slowly on number of residual issues. The President is most anxious to expedite your talks in every reasonable way, with the view toward having a final agreement not later than Wednesday, May 24th. The Soviets have assured the President that they are providing similar instructions to their delegation. The President hopes that within existing guidance, you will be able to move promptly to resolve remaining obstacles.

For your information, the Soviets listed such remaining items as their base figure of 48 submarines, the issue of mobile ICBM's, definition of heavy missiles and the geographic location of ABM defense of ICBM field. We cannot, of course, yield on the latter item.

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Just received your 408.

You should make continued effort to determine meaning of 48 number. Free ride for Soviets on_____Hs would indeed be problem.

Re Titan conversion, this can be handled as you suggest.

Re precision for "light" and "heavy", I would appreciate your urgent recommendation. For example, could we say that neither side should replace current light missiles with new ones significantly larger than largest light missile that either side currently has. We could reach side understanding that significant means 10% larger.

I would appreciate your urgent response to this message. Warm regards.

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