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the Council's views to be fully considered by the government concerned before the execution of decisions on the matter in question.

Since our 1970 commitments will be undertaken during the December 1969 Ministerial Meeting, we consider the period intervening between the submission of our report and the Ministerial Meeting as a period of consultation.

We shall instruct our Mission to NATO to support these reductions in NATO forums by describing them as one aspect of the President's basic policy of realism and candor in our dealings with our Allies and of the avoidance of promises which we cannot realistically expect to keep.

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