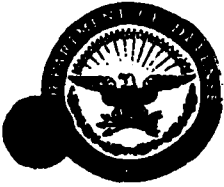


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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN GORDON

SUBJECT: Representation at Soviet ICBM Technical Exhibitions (U)

(U) Given the objectives of the ICBM technical characteristics exhibitions in the Soviet Union, OSD believes it essential that the Policy Community be appropriately represented on each of the rest of the U.S. inspection teams conducting the early START exhibitions.

(U) For the first ICBM exhibition, the NSC made the decision that policy representation on the teams was required to provide advice on questions concerning the interpretation of our rights to measure missiles, stages, and solid rocket motors and that the selectees must have extensive experience in negotiating the relevant provisions. Recent experience at the first ICBM technical characteristics exhibition in the Soviet Union at Kolosovo and Balabanovo validated this decision -- enabling issues to be resolved that might otherwise have appeared in the exhibition report as ambiguities or resulted in a compromise of the objectives of the early exhibitions.

(U) We propose that Mr. Scott Schless represent the Policy Community on the rest of the U.S. inspection teams conducting the early ICBM exhibitions. Mr. Schless participated in the START end game and was present at the meetings where the provisions for the technical characteristics exhibitions were agreed. He was directly involved in drafting the language for Section XIV and Annex 11 of the Inspection Protocol. Finally, Mr. Schless was on the U.S. team that inspected [REDACTED]

(U) OSD believes that it is important to have the most experienced policy representative on the U.S. inspection teams. In addition, because the Soviet side has chosen to partition several aspects of each system between different trips, e.g., the rail launcher, the launch canister, and the missile for the SS-24 will be displayed at separate times, we also believe it is essential that the same person be able to participate in all the

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ICBM exhibitions to provide continuity and hence, a clear picture of the issues of concern to the USG. However, we still believe that it is appropriate to have two policy community representatives on the early exhibitions.

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