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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MBFR (U)

It is the Department of Defense's opinion that the interpretative statement on flexibility in the U.S. position on data should be modified to make U.S. flexibility more conditional--reflecting the objective of achieving large asymmetrical reductions, verification and eventual data requirements, and the need for Allied agreement. Suggested modifications are indicated below (language in brackets would be substituted for lined-out language and added as new language):

"Flexibility in the U.S. position on data" means that the U.S. is willing to put aside (hold in abeyance) the question of pre-agreed data, pending an effort to determine whether Soviet agreement to (large asymmetrical reductions, and to) a package of associated measures for verification (acceptable to the direct participants) can be obtained. If the Soviets accept these verification measures, (which will enable us to verify both reductions and residual levels), the U.S. (for its part) will no longer insist on pre-agreed data, (so long as it is clearly understood that at some stage agreement on the data must take place).

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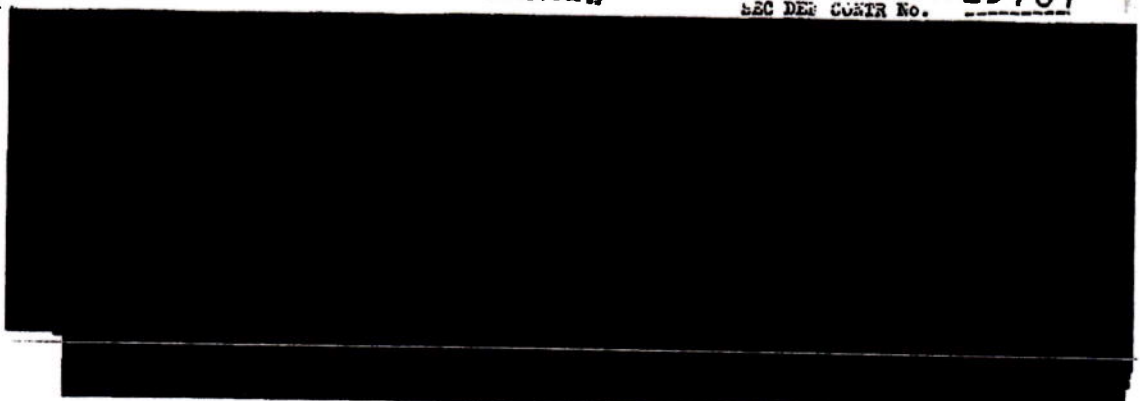
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