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Presidential Directive/NSC - 22

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament
Agency
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: ABM Treaty Review (U)

The President has reviewed the PRM-26 study and concluded that the ABM Treaty has served and continues to serve the best interests of both Parties to the Treaty. He has decided that upon the occasion of the first five-year Review of the Treaty, the United States will take no initiatives to amend the Treaty, but will raise several clarification issues for resolution during subsequent regular sessions of the Standing Consultative Commission. (For your information, three clarification issues are under consideration pertaining to: (1) the location of early warning radars "along the periphery" of national boundaries; (2) constraints on "future ABM systems"; and (3) differentiation among ABM, tactical ABM, and SAM systems. Final decision on which of these issues are to be raised will be made before the start of the ABM Treaty Review.)



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