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MEMORANDUM

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INFORMATION

January 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

Letter from Jerry Smith

Jerry Smith has written (Tab A) to thank you for your excellent reception of the Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission. He also sends his congratulations on the arms agreement at the Vladivostok meeting. He points out that the critics of this accord are "short-sighted and in most cases not very knowledgeable about the tremendous difficulties of trying to match the major asymmetries between the strategic arsenals of the US and the USSR." He believes that the accord marks a significant increase in the security of the US, and is saying so at every appropriate opportunity.

No response to Smith is necessary, but I thought you might want to be aware of his support.

