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WASHINGTON

GENERAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

At its meeting on December 6 and 7, the General Advisory Committee benefited from frank discussions with Secretaries Kissinger and Schlesinger, ACDA Director Ikle and CIA Director Colby. Much of these discussions centered on the November 24, 1974 Agreement on the framework for limiting strategic arms, concluded by you and General Secretary Brezhnev at Vladivostok.

The General Advisory Committee believes that this agreement deserves the support of the Congress and of the American people as the basis for further arms limitations. We regret that it was not possible for you to achieve agreed lower levels of nuclear delivery systems. We urge that every opportunity should be seized to work toward negotiations with the USSR to limit and reduce strategic arms below those levels stated in the Vladivostok agreement. If this is not done we fear that pressures will arise which will force us into defense expenditures in this field which otherwise would not have been contemplated or required.

The Committee also has major concerns about nuclear proliferation. We welcome the range of present efforts by your Administration to coordinate the attitudes of nations supplying nuclear materials and advanced technology in order to inhibit diversions from peaceful uses of nuclear energy. We believe that continuing priority should be given to providing solutions to this potential threat to world security.

The Committee makes these suggestions with due appreciation of the difficulties involved, and with warm support for your own efforts. We would hope to express additional views on future arms control considerations in the coming months.

Respectfully,

Harold M. Agnew
Chairman



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