

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK* *MA*

SUBJECT: General Advisory Committee Views
on Vladivostok Agreement and on
Proliferation

The General Advisory Committee (GAC) on Arms Control and Disarmament has written you with its views on the Vladivostok agreement and on nuclear proliferation (Tab A). It supports the agreement and urges further negotiations for lower levels to avoid otherwise unnecessary defense expenditures. The GAC also welcomes and urges continuing priority for the Administration's efforts to inhibit nuclear proliferation.

The GAC was established by Congress in 1961 under the Arms Control and Disarmament Act. Its charter is to advise the ACDA Director "on arms control and disarmament policy and activities." Also, "it shall from time to time advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Disarmament Director respecting matters affecting arms control, disarmament, and world peace."

The GAC is chaired by Dr. Harold M. Agnew, Director of the Los Alamos Laboratory. Its other members are I. W. Abel, Gordon Allott, Harold Brown (President of Cal Tech and a member of the SALT Delegation), Edward Clark (former Ambassador to Australia), William C. Foster (former ACDA Director), Lane Kirkland, Carl Marcy, Joseph Martin (US representative to the Geneva Disarmament Conference), John McCone, Dean Rusk, William Scranton, Gerard C. Smith (former ACDA Director), and John Wheeler (Princeton physicist).

The Committee's letter has been acknowledged and your appreciation expressed.

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