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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Final Guidance for SALT V, Helsinki

On Friday, September 17, I was requested by Col VonIns, General Allison's ACSAN Deputy, to review an NSC guidance paper which was being staffed prior to dispatch to Helsinki. Dr. Kissinger's office had prepared the paper for the Verification Panel's review. One part of the guidance authorized the delegation to confront and question the Soviets about their rapid buildup and construction of military systems in the face of the Talks. The delegation in exhibiting US concern was to be authorized to employ "its discretion in providing specific examples" of the extent of our knowledge of Soviet activities.

I took exception to this guidance and recommended that if the delegation was to formally raise the issue, the exact nature of revealed details should be specifically approved in Washington by the White House prior to discussions of the extent of our knowledge. Colonel Von Ins agreed and made his recommendation to the Verification Panel accordingly.

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