

B. THROW WEIGHT IS THE CRITICAL ISSUE AS THE SOVIETS ACQUIRE TECHNOLOGY NOT NOW AVAILABLE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE SOVIETS WILL DEPLOY SMALL WARHEADS BUT RATHER 7-8 THOUSAND RVS WITH ONE TO TWO MEGATON WARHEADS. IF THE SOVIETS WERE TO USE WARHEADS SIMILAR TO OUR POSSESSION, WHICH WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE, THEY COULD DEPLOY 23,000 RVS.

9. ELLSWORTH STRONGLY INDORSED THE USG VIEWS AND ENUNCIATED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER THAT WE CANNOT TOLERATE A POTENTIAL THROW WEIGHT ADVANTAGE FOR THE SOVIETS OF UP TO SIX TO ONE. HE SAID WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE WITH THROW WEIGHT AND RVS AS CENTRAL MEASURE, HOPEFULLY THROUGH ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS BUT IF NECESSARY BY CONSTRUCTING NEW SYSTEMS TO KEEP PACE WITH THE SOVIETS.

10. ON US HEDGES, HE MENTIONED TWO CATEGORIES:

A. IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO NEW TARGETING DOCTRINE. IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCURACY, ALTHOUGH NOT ESSENTIAL, WERE A USEFUL ADJUNCT TO ENHANCE HARD TARGET KILL CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY. HE SAID COMMAND AND CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALSO NECESSARY.

B. IMPROVEMENTS WHICH BEAR ON SIZING OF US STRATEGIC FORCES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEAVY ICBM, TRIDENT, NARWHAL AND B-1. HE EMPHASIZED OUR MIX WILL BE DRIVEN BY SOVIET ACTIONS.

11. EFFECTS ON SALT. ELLSWORTH REITERATED THAT THE NEW TARGETING DOCTRINE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SIZING OF THE FORCES. HE AGAIN PLEDGED THAT WE ARE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE MEASURED IN TERMS OF THROW WEIGHT AND REENTRY VEHICLES. HE WARNED THAT AS THE SOVIETS ACQUIRE MIRV TECHNOLOGY COUPLED WITH THEIR THROW WEIGHT ADVANTAGE, THEY COULD SURPASS THE PRESENT US RV ADVANTAGE BUT THAT THIS COULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IF WE FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SEVERAL-YEAR GRACE PERIOD PROVIDED BY SOVIET R&D CYCLES.

12. HE SAID THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXPECTS THAT CERTAIN ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS COULD BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT THAT THOSE WILL NOT GO TO CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE BALANCE SUCH AS THROW WEIGHT.

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13. ELLSWORTH CLOSED HIS PRESENTATION BY QUOTING WINSTON CHURCHILL'S FRONTISPIECE THEME TRIUMPH TRAGEDY: "HOW THE GREAT DEMOCRACIES TRIUMPHED TO RESUME THE FOLLIES WHICH HAD SO NEARLY COST THEM THEIR LIVES" HE HOPED THE DEMOCRACIES AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE OF HISTORY HAVE THE WISDOM TO AVOID THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST.

14. MASON, UK, WELCOMED NEW TARGETING DOCTRINE AND THOUGHT IT LOGICAL THAT SELECTIVITY AND PRECISION INCREASED AS WE MAKE

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. HE NOTED THAT CITY KILLING CAPABILITY IS STILL THERE, SHOULD IT BE REQUIRED. HE ADDED THAT MANSFIELD IS STILL THERE ALSO. HE SAID IN ALL OF OUR COUNTRIES WE WILL HAVE INCREASINGLY TO FACE MINORITY OPIONION WHICH WILL MAKE IT TOUGHER AS THE YEARS GO BY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE DEFENSE. HE SAID THIS IS TRUE IN THE UK AND THE NETHERLANDS AND TO A DIFFERENT DEGREE IN ALL THE WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT MBFR AND WOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN ELABORATING THE UK DEFENSE REVIEW NOT TO AFFECTADVERSELY NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA.

15. ON THE GENERALPROPOSITION OF BUDGET CUTTING HE MADE TWO POINTS:

A. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE IF DEFENSE REDUCTION MOVEMENTS GATHERED MOMENTUM IN OUR COUNTIRES, WE WOULD IN FACT BE DOING THE SOVIET JOB FOR THEM.

B. BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT WE DON'T BECOME SO ECONOMICALLY SICK AS NATIONS THAT THE ANTI-DEFENSE FORCES GROW STRONGER. THIS IS THE PURPOSE, HE SAID, OF THE UK DEFENSE REVIEW AND HE HOPES IN THE END THAT REVIEW WILL NOT UNDULY DETRACT FROM NATO POSTURE.

16. COMMENT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH WAS PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE DURING THE RESTRICTED SESSION. END COMMENT. MCAULIFFE

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