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TELECON
President Ford/The Secretary
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Time: 10:25 am

K: Hello, Mr. President. Two issues before I leave. That 200 mile limit may come up while I am gone and my people think it could be better if we imply there could be a veto and I think that I detected even Stephens is weakening. I think the facts are overwhelming on the other side, but I don't want to push anything politically difficult.

F: Let me take a look at it.

K: Brent knows all my arguments and Carl Maw, the lawyer.

And the second point is I don't know ~~whether~~ whether Don will see you when he gets back on SALT. I have impression Defense is going back on stonewall position. I think, Mr. President, we have SALT agreement within our grasp. We can smash our opponents. I think Jackson is scared. We will get an agreement.

On my scheme where we permit the ALCMs over long range only on heavy bombers that means the backfire cannot get a . It is not counted as a heavy bomber. The only way backfire is a problem is with the cruise missile.

F: Furthermore, we can't get up to 2400 unless we use ALCMs as a Mirv.

K: The deal I have in my mind is to have ALCMs up to 2400 kilometers counted as Mirvs. It means we will have to get rid of some Poseidon submarines. We can put single war-head Tridon in there. Secondly, to put a limit of 600 on the submarine SLCM. Third, to let SLCM on surface, which is to run free as counterwave to backfire.

F: Right. We would come out very well. Is this any one of the options?

K: That is one of the options. That I think I can sell. You don't have to insist with Don on this point. It will come out at the meeting. But I am afraid he is beginning to dig into his people.

F: I am meeting with Don and the Joint Chiefs on the budget on Friday.



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- K: I think you could just say you are determined to get an agreement and you want them to get with it.
- F: I will talk to them on Friday and tell them I want something very forthcoming because I happen to agree it is good substantively and good politically.
- K: I am convinced... Jackson people called over to my building yesterday because of one lousy press conference, but if we had something concrete and went after it systematically we would have an issue we could fight instead of general mumbling.
- F: I will talk to them on Friday.
- K: Then we can start the procedures when I get back.
- F: You leave at 11:00. Will Bob Ingersoll be at the Cabinet meeting representing you?
- K: Yes.
- F: Have a good trip, Henry. I will see you when you get back next Thursday.
- K: I will see you Thursday when I get back.
- F: Good, have a good trip.