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1) Very intensive and useful discussions - have been held.

2) Specifics -

F.M. will not cover all items - every item is dependent on total agreement on all items -

Repeated conditionality of their acceptance of new types proposals. <sup>greatly</sup> ~~on~~ solutions of other issues. <sup>1</sup>

Soviet propose 2 variants -

a) limit of 20

b) Co-efficient approach.

~~The~~ Soviets feel they have not received a ~~st~~ satisfactory response - hope we will study their proposal

- U.S. has put forward 2 variants - both relating to duration of treaty - 1985

This is acceptable to USSR  
This is a positive step.

- U.S. variant of a unilateral (2) statement + linkage is unacceptable -

U.S. second alternative - does follow a more realistic path - but specific figures are unrealistic and unacceptable. Can't agree on average of 35

Hopes U.S. will weigh Soviet proposal again. Wont agree to any increase over 20.

Position

Range - of CTR's

Positions of sides have drawn closer together -

Soviets have agreed to remove upper limit - U.S. has agreed to accept 600 Km. and the Soviet definition.

But here we, (U.S.) are seeking to link nuclear - non nuclear definitions - to range agree

Soviets can't accept that <sup>(S)</sup>  
 linkage.

Duration of protocol.

Soviets have heard no  
 convincing argument for  
 not having a 3 yr.  
 term for protocol.

Soviets note as a  
 positive point as our  
 acceptance of their position  
 on time for completion of  
 destruction. Also the Soviets  
 will have to consider  
 conditions we have raised

Backfire.

Understand our acceptance  
 of the Soviet text. - Won't  
 be difficult to remove  
 the figures on the profile.  
 Perplexed about our  
 desire to make statement  
 re right to build plans  
 similar to Backfire.

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Depressed trajectory - SLBM's

Hard to take position  
 until the Soviets have  
 clear idea of what U.S.  
 has in mind.

Telemetry issue.

Refer to delegations in  
 Geneva.

But doesn't believe it  
 has importance we attach  
 to this issue.

Hopes we will conclude  
 agree<sup>t</sup> and sign in very  
 near future. - at a very  
 early date.