We (I) petition you to defeat Carter's SALT II "Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty". This peace-at-any-price unilateral disarmament treaty is based on the Chamberlain/Hitler appeasement slogan "Peace In Our Time." It is a real-life acting-out of Orwell's 1984 and Animal Farm. An authoritative document is the 65-page "Interim Assessment of SALT II" by the U.S. House Armed Services Committee. The Congressmen signing this House report call for the rejection of SALT II and charge that, while the Carter Administration has mounted at taxpayers' expense a campaign for SALT II, it is still keeping details secret from the American People.

The Soviets can and will "more than double the number of nuclear weapons in their inventory" by 1985 when the Treaty would expire. Even if neither side added a single weapon to its arsenal, the confrontation between NATO and the Warsaw Pact and the Soviet adventures in Africa and the Middle East, can still provoke war or our "peaceful" surrender. The Report states: "Since SALT II will not constrain, in any militarily significant way, the Soviet Union's military power but will constrain several important U.S. strategic force options, SALT II will not prevent a destabilizing imbalance of power from emerging."

"SALT II would not, as claimed, improve U.S. national security and expose the U.S. to 'less risk' at 'less cost.' The President should not approve a Salt II agreement which merely formalizes Soviet strategic superiority and which, in our opinion, imperils our national security interests. As it now stands, SALT II will not curb or delay the strategic imbalance in favor of the Soviets which will occur within five or six years. SALT II will not enhance the survivability of our tried of deterrent forces--our bombers, ICBMs, and sea-launched missiles."

Under SALT II the Russian intercontinental Backfire bomber and the SS-20 nuclear missile "will not count and the Soviets can deploy any number of them against the United States. If we add to this the fact that SALT II will permit the Soviets to deploy over 300 extremely heavy MIRVed missiles (SS-20s) each with 10 warheads in the megaton range, while the U.S. may deploy none, the concept of equality fast disappears. Since the U.S. must rely heavily on advanced technology (and will power), undue constraints (in SALT) will harm the U.S. and not the Soviets." We will also be unable to verify whether the Soviets are not MIRVing additional missiles, adding warheads, upgrading Cruise missiles and Backfire bombers; or covertly producing and storing additional mobile ICBMs."

"Based on the foregoing facts, it appears that SALT II has become an end in itself--a domestic political symbol which neither limits strategic arms, enhances security, deters war, nor maintains the strategic balance. We would urge the President to reject the agreement and proceed with negotiations aimed at an agreement which would truly limit arms and maintain a stable military balance of power in the future." SALT II restrictions are neither equal nor verifiable.

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