

SALT INTERVENTION

On Saturday, 26 October, I met with Senator Buckley of New York to run over the current negotiating situation and the concerns that Paul Nitze and I felt for the likely outcomes of Kissinger's trip to Moscow and the following visit by President Ford to China. Senator Buckley shared my concern and agreed to do the following two things: (a) to take a position of concern in the speech that he'd use to the Overseas Press Club in New York this next week for which I am to provide the data by next Tuesday and (b) to try to set up a meeting with the President among Tower, Buckley, Nitze, Zumwalt and Wohlstetter, to run through the consequences of our continual movement toward the Soviet position in the SALT arena.

Following the meeting, I arranged for the inserts to be provided to Senator Buckley and later Senator Buckley called to say that he had asked Senator Tower to try to set up the meeting. Saturday night, Senator Tower and I spoke - he was in Dallas at the Ramada Inn Central. He agreed to try to set up the meeting, if possible.

On Sunday, October 27th, Senator Tower called back to report the

following:

- (1) It would not be possible to meet with the President until after the election. This is something that can be done.
- (2) In any event, he's been assured that the JCS will get a chance to review anything that Kissinger came up with from Moscow.
- (3) He said that he would keep in touch with me.

I offered to meet with him when he gets back to town.