SAC United States Air Force Strategic Air Command

SALT Strategic Arms Limitation Talks

Negotiations between the USA and the USSR, conducted between 1969 and 1979, seeking to limit both offensive and defensive strategic forces. They produced the SALT I Interim Agreement (limiting offensive weapons), the ABM Treaty (limiting defences against strategic ballistic missiles), and the SALT II Treaty (limiting

offensive weapons).

SAM Surface-to-Air Missile

SBR Space-based Radar

SDI Strategic Defence Initiative

An ongoing research programme initiated in the USA in 1983. It is attempting to discover methods of defending against ballistic

missiles.

SLBM Sea-Launched Ballistic Missile

SLCM Sea-Launched Cruise Missile

SSBN Nuclear-propelled ballistic missile submarine

START Strategic Arms Reduction Talks

Negotiations between the USA and the USSR, initiated in 1982 and still continuing, seeking to reduce the number of offensive

strategic weapons.

SAR Synthetic Aperture Radar

(also Search and Rescue)

THROW-WEIGHT The total weight of reentry vehicles, penetration aids, and

associated mechanisms delivered by the propulsive sections of a

missile.

USC US Unified Space Command