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OBLIGATIONS"

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The Soviet Union has repeatedly drawn the attention of the United States administration to all this, advancing concrete, incontrovertible facts. Suffice it to recall the Soviet memorandum transmitted to the United States State Department on 27 January and the TASS statement of 21 October 1984. The Soviet Union has repeatedly made pertinent, serious claims of the United States in the Standing Consultative Commission, the body specially set up to further the goals and provisions of strategic arms limitation agreements. The United States has yet to give any convincing responses to these questions from the Soviet side, despite the fact that the issues concerned are extremely serious.

Firstly, the United States has adopted a course aimed at undermining the indefinite 1972 ABM Treaty. The United States President himself virtually officially declared this intention when he announced his "Star Wars" programme for the creation of a large-scale ABM system with space-based elements, a system which is directly prohibited by the Treaty. The United States has already programmed the allocation of 26 billion dollars to achieve this illegal goal. And this is only the first step in plans for an arms race and the undermining of strategic stability on the implementation of which Washington is prepared to spend a total of over a trillion dollars.

It is by no means only theoretical investigation and scientific research in which they are engaged in this connection. Work is going ahead at full speed on the development of mobile ABM phased-array radars, Minutemen missiles are being tested to give them an anti-missile capability, multiple warhead components are being developed for anti-missile missiles, etc. All of this is in obvious violation of the clear provisions of the 1972 Treaty.

Part of Washington's effort to prepare for the establishment of a large-scale anti-missile defence system is the deployment within the United States of the PAVE PAWS phased-array radar system, which provides radar coverage of the major part of the territory of the United States.

These facts are general knowledge, and the United States Administration does not even attempt to refute a single one of them.