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# AMERICANS FOR SALT

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December 14, 1978

Rabbi Marc Tennenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Tennenbaum:

Americans for SALT will be publicly launched in January as an ad hoc campaign by concerned citizens to promote ratification by the Congress of a SALT II agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The enclosed material reflects the purposes and broad-based support for our campaign. Among other activities, we seek to inform Americans about the advantages of the new treaty, and we are undertaking the critical task of organizing popular support for SALT in key states.

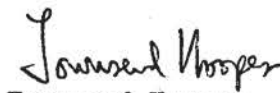
As you know, there is serious opposition to the treaty in the Senate. Opponents of SALT are already active and heavily funded. A two-thirds vote could be required for ratification--and we know from the Panama Canal experience how difficult it can be to secure those 67 votes. We need your help to prevent a small minority of senators from causing the United States to reject agreed limits on nuclear arms levels.

I write to ask and to urge you to join us as a public supporter of Americans for SALT. Your association with us would be an important contribution to this fundamental choice of national policy. It is urgent that leaders of our country speak out now in support of the new treaty.

If you would like more information about the SALT II treaty, or about our plans and your role, we would be pleased to talk with you at any time. You may also respond in the space below and return this letter in the enclosed envelope.

I do hope that you will give serious and immediate attention to this matter which bears so consequentially upon our national security and the nature of U.S.-Soviet relations for years to come.

Sincerely,

  
Townsend Hoopes

Enclosures

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 14, 1978

Mr. Clark Clifford  
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Dear Clark,

I am delighted to learn of your decision to co-chair Americans for SALT. It is an invaluable continuation of your able service to the United States.


I strongly endorse the work of Americans for SALT to educate the public about the importance of a good SALT treaty to our national security and to mobilize public support for such a SALT treaty.

To my view, a good SALT treaty is one which ensures U. S. strategic capacity will not be inferior to that of the Soviet Union; one which is based on adequate verification of both U. S. and Soviet compliance with the treaty; and one which moves us farther away from the threat of nuclear holocaust. I trust that the SALT II treaty will meet these criteria.

Assuming such a SALT treaty is negotiated and signed, I am counting on Americans for SALT to increase public understanding of the dangers of an unconstrained arms race and to ensure that additional element of public support necessary for ratification.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

  
Alan Cranston

PAUL C. WARNKE

December 13, 1978

Mr. Townsend Hoopes  
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Dear Tim:

You and your colleagues in Americans for SALT have my deep respect and appreciation for the public service which you are rendering. It is clear to me that if the American public understands the advantages of the new treaty limiting strategic arms, they will give it their overwhelming support. In turn, this will facilitate Congressional approval. Accordingly, the work you are undertaking to build an organized base of support for SALT is of the greatest importance to its success.

Because of the complexity of the concepts and the unfamiliarity of the technical terms in which it is couched, misunderstanding about SALT can be rapidly spread. The cure for misunderstanding is the wide dissemination of reliable information about the principles upon which the SALT treaty is based and the way in which it protects the vital interests of the United States. I therefore welcome the willingness of you and your colleagues who have established Americans for SALT to play a role in providing an informed and interested base of public support.

Please express my appreciation and good wishes to all of those who are part of this important enterprise.

Very truly yours,



Paul C. Warnke

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