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AGENDA FOR FIRST SEMINAR ON SALT

Subject: The Soviet approach to SALT.

The formulation, intentions and results of Soviet policy.

A: Topic: The policy making process.

- i) Brezhnev - how important a factor?
- ii) The problem of the succession.
- iii) The relationship between the military and civilian wings of government in matters of foreign and defence policy.
- iv) The degree of cohesion and consistency in Soviet policy
- v) The role of ideology.

B: Topic: Soviet definition and expectations of

- i) Detente)
 - ii) SALT)
- political, economic

C: Topic: Soviet strategic doctrine.

- i) Does the Soviet Union accept the doctrine of "mutually assured destruction" or does it subscribe to the view that it can fight and win a nuclear war?
- ii) Role of civil defence.
- iii) Explanation of Soviet military buildup.

D: Topic: Soviet foreign policy:

- i) Expansionist?
- ii) Involvement in regional conflicts.
- iii) China factor and polycentrism

E: Topic: Soviet reactions to America

- i) Jimmy Carter
- ii) human rights and 'Linkage'