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I had lunch with Dr. Snobl, at his request, at the Jockey Club, Fairfax Hotel.

After the usual pleasantries Dr. Snobl got, rather quickly, into the problem of the non-proliferation agreement and asked a series of rather routine questions about the implications of the U. S. treaty draft and the circumstances under which an entity might come into evidence having the power to fire nuclear weapons not subject to a veto of the present nuclear powers. We went up and down the familiar ground dealing with the non-proliferation agreement, relations to the MLF, the 700 MRBMs aimed at Western Europe. In the course of the discussion Dr. Snobl took the position that the Czechoslovakian Government, based on its long view of history, was concerned not with what we might do now in the MLF, but by the fact of what might follow: the German demand for national control of nuclear weapons. I countered that if that was their concern why didn't they sign our proposed treaty and have the commitment that this would not occur.

Towards the conclusion of lunch, Dr. Snobl asked me if we contemplated a change in the U. S. position as a result of discussions going on between Mr. Foster and Mr. Tsarapkin in New York. I replied that I did not.

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