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To John Ainslie, kristensen

19/10/2010 Reply

Dear John,

Many thanks for your appeal to me, but unfortunately I can not help you anything. I no longer have access to information about the current state of practical affairs in this area. I would like to say even more: you have shown in these papers a lot of things that I do not know at all.

As for my book, I could ask Bruce Blair to give you one copy. Please, let me know the postal address at which he could send you this book. If that fails, then I am ready to provide you with its electronic version by E-m.

In conclusion, I would like to note the following. In the Technical Appendix to the Foreign Affairs article we show that the more nuclear forces will be reduced, the more important will be significance of their command systems (C3). Even from your information we see clearly how Russian C3 is reliable (in the U.S. as well). If we realized composition of nuclear forces of two echelons of de-alerted missiles, then even for today's levels of arsenals the targeting some part of first echelon missiles against C3 of victim-state would not have much operational meaning for the attacker. The more, it is clear that in case of deep cuts in nuclear forces and the preservation of their de-alerting status both sides will have practically invulnerable C3 systems. This circumstance greatly enhances the effect of mutual deterrence.

All the best,



Tue, 19 Oct 2010 14:54:33 +0100 письмо от John Ainslie <john.ainslie@hotmail.co.uk>:

> Dear

> I work for the Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and carry out