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ABM AND MIRV HEARINGS IN ARMS CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE

Deputy Defense Secretary David Packard and Director of
Defense Research and Engineering John S. Foster, Jr., will testify
for the Administration in hearings before the Arms Control Subcommittee
on ABM and MIRV on July 13 and 14 respectively.

The hearings, on the arms control implications of the defense budget, had previously been scheduled for July 6 and 8, but were post-poned to accommodate Senior Defense Department officials who were unable to appear until the following week. Outside witnesses will also discuss ABM and MIRV during the hearings, but names have not yet been announced.

Senator Muskie, Chairman of the Arms Control Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, has announced that these hearings will focus on the ABM and MIRV weapons systems and their effect on the international arms race. Previous hearings in June concentrated on the arms control implications of land- and sea-based missiles and bombers.