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PRIME MINISTER

Senator Helms and Mr. Carbaugh

The attached letter to you from Mr. Carbaugh arrived today. It repeats Senator Helms's sceptical view of the value of the assurances which we have received from the Americans about the non-circumvention clauses in SALT 2;

; and asks you to give an interview to Roland Evans of the Evans/Novak partnership.

I have already sent Senator Helms the text of your reply in the House about the assurances which the Americans have given us about SALT 2. I remain of the view that the firm assurances given orally by Mr. Vance to both you and Lord Carrington, in the presence of witnesses, during his last visit to London are as good as we can hope to get and satisfactory. If, as Lord Carrington has recommended, you visit Washington in September you could extract similar oral assurances from President Carter himself.

*That is not the point. Oral assurances do not outlast the given. written " would be expected to bind a gov. There is no*

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Since you have not given any interviews to British journalists since taking office, I doubt whether it would be right for you to see Mr. Roland Evans.

*- I have seen Roland Evans  
privately before + never has any been  
out. It's not just him*

In short, if you agree, I do not think that it is necessary to take any action on Mr. Carbaugh's letter.

*G.M. interviews.  
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