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Pentagon's 'Price' for Arms Pact

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Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said yesterday he could not support the recently concluded arms control agreements with the Soviet Union if Congress refuses to proceed with the modernization of the offensive strategic forces proposed by the administration.

Following an appearance before a closed door session of the House Armed Services Committee, Laird told reporters that Congress would jeopardize national security as well as chances for future arms control agreements if it failed to provide funds requested by the administration for development of a new missile launching submarine known as Trident and the B-1 strategic bomber.

In answer to a question, he also called for funds for

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