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P.S. IRS to the Rescue

I appreciated the bit (10/15) outbreak of the public interest law firm, having just joined the board of NRDC whose tax status triggered the fuss. As you know, NRDC is also lately paralyzed until this can be cleared up.

However, there is no doubt that some careful regulation must be worked out, or the "public interest" angle will be discredited by its being used as a cover for very private interests.

Counterforce doctrine

I was delighted to see the editorial "New nuclear spiral" in the Nov. 1 Times and its deflation of the "counterforce" delusion. Your argument is beautifully compact and compelling. I have to contrast it with (my old friend) Seymour Mielman's confusion about overkill.

Still there are many lacunae in our security system. It would be nice to achieve a reliable deployment freeze & a tacit agreement to stop MRKV deployments would be desirable, but may be impossible to negotiate. The most achievable and effective bargain, in my view, would simply ban all further missile tests.

(ULMS may be better (re stabilization) than ABM's for an assured deterrent.)

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