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Continuing progress in the strategic arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union will not require the dismantling of the antiballistic missile sites in North Dakota, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said here Thursday night.

"I consider it as extremely unlikely that the strategic arms limitation talks would lead to a further reduction of ABM defenses," Kissinger said, at a news conference. "I do not think that is going to happen."

The secretary earlier Thursday had taken a helicopter inspection tour of the ABM installation at Nekoma, ND, and nearby Minuteman offensive missile sites. Just this month Kissinger and Russian leaders agreed to limit their two countries to one ABM site each.

Kissinger said there was no direct connection between his visit here and his next scheduled talks with the Soviet leaders next month in Geneva but the inspection reassured him and "certainly helps my thinking," he said.

"For many months I've been dealing with Minutemen and SAC (Strategic Air Command) and ABM," he told reporters at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. "It's always been an abstraction to me."

"I've wanted to see what these installations look like and get a feel for what they can do," he said.

"I was very impressed with what I saw this afternoon. I have always believed that I would not exchange our strategic forces for the Soviet forces. We are ahead in every significant category and what I've seen today reinforces that conviction."

From the moment he landed here midway through a hot, sunny afternoon, Kissinger drew swarms of people eager for a direct look at "Super K," or curious about the man's strange charisma.

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