

evidences of our collective disarmament policy, as expressed by the leading member of our Alliance. We must underline them in every way possible, and communicate their seriousness as strongly as possible. For our publics, as well as for the world at large, the resulting negotiations will be a demonstration of our good faith and a test of the good faith of the Soviet Union.

The negotiating task we are setting ourselves is not an easy one. But given the choice between an arms race, and long and difficult arms control negotiations, we would all prefer the latter - as would the other side I am sure. There can be no doubt that the West, with its vast wealth and superior technology, would in the long run win any arms race with the Soviet Union. But to us, the idea of dedication to an arms race is profoundly repugnant, a mark of poverty of spirit rather than of the greatness of spirit which is characteristic of the West. The West has far more to gain than to lose from a balanced and verifiable reduction in the present level of armaments. Our dedication is, therefore, to undiminished security at lower levels of armaments, to a reduction of tensions, and to a safer and saner world for all.