

it may cost. To those seeking a peaceful world order, this prospect can only be viewed with deep concern. Yet so long as China remains outside existing international councils, isolating herself from the influence of other governments and world opinion, she is the more likely to remain a recalcitrant and disturbing factor in the world balance of power. You can draw your own conclusions from that.

It is clear that progress towards the peaceful settlement of disputes and effective measures of arms control require that all the principal world powers - including continental China - must be party to international discussions of these questions. Therefore, we should do everything possible to bring China into discussions about disarmament and other great international issues. At least let us not be responsible for her not coming in. Her inclusion may make her more conscious of her responsibilities as a member of the international community. In this endeavour, those who already have direct contact with Peking have a special and important role to play.

I have spoken tonight of some of the realistic and, I believe, acceptable measures that could help to solve the problems you have been discussing, the problem especially of proliferation. Any, or all of them, could be incorporated in an eventual non-proliferation treaty, or associated with such a treaty, or indeed agreed upon independently.

Agreed upon in any context, these measures would at least constitute some restraint on the spread of nuclear weapons. They would focus world interest on the fact that the world community is trying to find the answer to this vital life-or-death question; they would reassure a world fearful of nuclear devastation that the world family has at least begun to accept its collective responsibility for limiting a further spread of these weapons which, left unchecked, will one day destroy our civilization.

Surely mankind, in 1966, is capable of giving at the least these indications that our civilization is not only worth saving but also capable of doing what is so desperately wanted in the hearts of all men, the preservation of true peace and the establishment of real security.

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