

cannot force others to listen to us. But they also know that Canada has a role to play. That is why the government is creating a defence and arms control institute: to help Canada and Canadians more fully contribute to advancing the debate on peace and security, and to shaping that debate.

Throughout my own personal efforts to subject the science of war to the art of politics, I have been sustained by the support of many Canadians, and encouraged by their good wishes. I thank them now.

...I wish also to thank in French the numerous people who have written to me in that language to encourage me with their advice, their prayers, and thank them heartily for having participated with us, the government, and us, the Parliament, in this process....

...and assure them, as well as this House, that the work we have started will continue. The government of Canada is committed to these purposes and will carry them forward.

But we can carry them only so far without the collaboration of those who own and control nuclear weapons. Because it is the nuclear powers, and above all the superpowers, who bear the greatest responsibility. Let it be said of them in the future that this was the time when their political judgment controlled their technological genius, when their best interest served the common good. Let history survive, that it may judge them generously.

Let it be said of the other nations that they saw their own responsibility to work to reduce the threat of annihilation, to forego nuclear weapons, and to serve the purpose of a durable peace.

And let it be said of Canada, and of Canadians: that we saw the crisis; that we did act; that we took risks; that we were loyal to our friends and open with our adversaries; that we lived up to our ideals; and that we have done what we could to lift the shadow of war.