

Happily, the improvements in technology offer possible solutions. Trust is no longer a sine qua non in achieving international stability. Methods of verification have become startlingly accurate.

It was the politicians who doubted the validity of the ill-fated SALT II treaty. Scientists, technicians and military men were satisfied that within acceptable limits it was verifiable. With such treaties confidence can improve to the point where more effective measures of verification can be contemplated. And if this means that we will eventually be led to inspect each other's laboratories, so much the better!

The long parade of eminent military and scientific personalities - in both camps - who have devoted their lives to perfecting systems of mass destruction and who now cry for an end to isolation and the beginning of dialogue, are proof enough that the politicians had better start listening.

Many were deeply disappointed when your Congress failed to ratify the SALT II Treaty. We have not been greatly heartened by the results to date in the discussions of controls on intermediate range weapons which began last November in Geneva.