

that we as experts feel responsible for this lack of policy within the government about those particular issues. I think it is the responsibility of the government to do something about it, but I don't think the government has taken the means to do it.

Robert Ford: I'll try to direct my comments first to the suggestion of Mr. Legault yesterday and skillfully developed by Mr. Garigue this morning, of the importance of reaching the public, not just the peace movements, but the general public and to explain a little better our stand and issues. There is obviously a great deal of misinformation about a great deal, a lack of facts. I was impressed by Dr. Caldicott's presentation yesterday; it's necessary for us all to know the effects of nuclear war. It's interesting perhaps that the Palme Commission started out in its very first session with a witness who gave very much the same kind of presentation and a whole chapter in our report is devoted to the effects of nuclear war. But, we went on from that to then say how can we stop this, making practical proposals. Where I depart from Dr. Caldicott is that her presentation, and I make this suggestion constructively, is intended, presumably to push us into more concrete and more specific negotiations with the Russians and it doesn't help if all the blame is put on the United States for the present situation with regard to nuclear weapons, and it doesn't help to equate the United States and U.S. expansionism. I simply say that constructively, because if we are going to get anywhere in trying to eliminate the danger of war, it has to be done by negotiations with the Russians. There is no other way we can do it. And it doesn't help to weaken the Western position by giving the impression that the Russians are totally blameless in this. They are not by far.

Then to take up again Mr. Steel's suggestion, I entirely agree the dialogue with the USSR has to continue. We do have a role to play on that, and I was perhaps misinterpreted when I suggested we didn't have a role to play as an intermediary. That I still believe. But we do have a role to play as an interpreter but that role will only