

indeed, no other good came out of this historic meeting, this alone would in my estimation, more than justify the maintenance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a force for peace in the world.

And so, I conclude this very brief report on my mission abroad on a note of optimism. In summary, it will be enough perhaps to say that we faced the realities of international living in a spirit of informed realism; that there was no suggestion in our counsels of defeatism or despair; that we added to our strength by cementing our unity; and that we face the future, whatever it may bring, without illusion and without fear - in confidence, faith and determination to preserve the peace and our freedom, come what may.

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