

be given time to germinate. I am satisfied, on the basis of conversations I have had with representatives of several countries since we have put our suggestion on record, that they recognize the merit of our proposal and consider that it has already had its effect in starting a new train of thought.

I firmly believe the United Nations will not return to its previous immobility on this problem. The door has been opened. A consensus may be developing. This is what we had in mind. You cannot resolve a question like this merely by votes in the General Assembly of the United Nations. What has taken place in New York during the last few days -- and we have been in the forefront of those developments -- has given an impetus towards the essential efforts which must be made outside the United Nations by the parties primarily involved. These parties, together with other countries like the United States and Japan, must eventually achieve an agreement or an arrangement which would then be followed by formal action in the United Nations.

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