

countries they are not essential, but rather of a technical nature.

In view of the fact mentioned above, it is quite natural for us to assume that there is general agreement on the basic key elements in the CW negotiations currently being conducted between the United States and the Soviet Union. So it is difficult to understand why they have been unable to report to the CCD so far their general agreement on the key elements, beside technical details. Moreover, since the threshold to be applied to chemical agents to be banned and verification procedures for dual-purpose agents involve technical, specialized and complicated problems, each country is concerned over the strong possibility that such verification procedures may obtrude upon its chemical industries for peaceful uses, and therefore needs to conduct detailed examinations in relation to national laws and regulations. Hence, even after the United States-USSR joint initiative is presented to the negotiating body, sufficient time will be needed to examine it.

