

(b) measures for the prevention of war by accident, miscalculation or failure of communications;

(c) exclusion of weapons of mass destruction from outer space.

13. It is possible that the non-aligned members of the ENDC will take the position that neither the USSR nor the USA drafts, nor the plans on which they are founded, should be considered as the basis of the treaty on general and complete disarmament to be produced by the ENDC. (Instead, the ENDC should work out a plan embodying the articles upon which both USA and USSR plans agree, with compromises in the areas of disagreement.) We could support this generally.

14. We should continue to press the USA (with, we hope, the support of the other Western members of the ENDC) to improve their negotiating position on time limits, nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons vehicles; the eventual prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons, including use by the UN Peace Force, and "foreign bases."

15. Most of the points briefly outlined above have already been included in the Canadian Memorandum of June 27, 1962, submitted to the United States Disarmament Agency.†

16. In conclusion, it seems to the Canadian Delegation to the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, that the consideration of disarmament in the General Assembly could have a useful impact on the work of our committee if we can manage to channel it along the right lines. On the other hand, a purely propaganda and irresponsible debate in the Assembly could do a great deal of harm to the negotiations in the ENDC and retard progress by several months. We should therefore work, mainly through the non-aligned members of the ENDC, and other neutrals with whom we have friendly relations, for the adoption by the Assembly of a resolution which would give some measure of satisfaction to both the USSR and the USA and might provide a new impetus to the negotiations in the ENDC.

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DISARMAMENT: 17TH UNGA – POSSIBLE NEUTRAL INITIATIVES

I had a conversation today with Lall, Leader of Indian Delegation to ENDC. He is going to New York. It is not repeat not yet certain whether Krishna Menon will go also.

2. Lall was supposed to have been drawing up a plan which would be a compromise between USA and USSR draft treaties. Today he told me he had made an attempt to do so, but he apparently had little favourable response from non-aligned here. Barrington, he told me, had said it was too Western.

3. Lall thinks that subjects on which negotiations here have got stuck are (a) elimination of nuclear weapons vehicles, (b) elimination of nuclear weapons, (c) foreign bases,