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It is no accident that a group of eminent United States diplomats, former participants in the Soviet-American strategic arms limitation talks, including Gerard Smith, Paul Warnke and a number of distinguished scientists dealing with arms limitation problems have criticized the allegation by the United States Administration that the Soviet Union violates the arms limitation agreements. For example, Warnke stated that there is no firm evidence of violations which could substantiate the majority of those allegations. And what store may be set upon the slander concerning the use of Soviet-made chemical weapons in different countries? Many times over the scientists and experts of many countries, including the United States, have proved that "yellow rain", mycotoxins discovered by the American investigators and their assistants, are nothing but the excrement of various insects. Recently, Professor Mezelon, the well-known American expert, has once again written about it. In the opinion of many United States experts the groundless public allegations about the violation by the Soviet Union of various agreements can only complicate the negotiating process. One cannot but share this opinion.

We state once again that this disgraceful campaign has only one goal -- to undermine the faith of the world community in the possibility of achieving mankind's ideal -- disarmament, and a world without weapons and wars.