

of course, expect a perfect and ideal document. However, it must reflect the highest common factor of mutual interest and agreement among us if two and a half years of intensive negotiation are not to be wasted.

Our task is clear, and I think we are equal to it. It will require a lot of give and take and a lot of solid hard work. Let us redouble our efforts with the aim of making 1968 the year the Non-Proliferation Treaty was successfully negotiated. I feel confident that, together with the not inconsiderable accomplishments in the sphere of arms control in recent years, the conclusion of a non-proliferation treaty will put us in an excellent position to attack the more substantive problem of the control and reduction of existing nuclear arsenals.

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