

Man's reason and spirit have often solved the seemingly unsolvable and we believe they can do it again."

We applaud President Kennedy's announcement that high level discussions will shortly begin in Moscow looking toward early agreement on a comprehensive test ban treaty and the United States declaration that they do not propose to test in the atmosphere so long as other states do not do so. But above all we admire the perception that inspired the President to identify one of the great obstacles to human understanding - the tendency to see other peoples and societies through eyes blinded by the despair born of deep-seated suspicion and mistrust.

We in the democracies stand today on the verge of one of the greatest triumphs or one of the greatest tragedies in the long history of man. The choice is ours to make; will we follow the beacon of our principles and our ideals and move in the direction of serving all mankind or will we falter, the victims of too narrow horizons, too selfish motives and too little foresight.

As I leave you here in Miami this morning at this great meeting, I state with all the conviction at my command that we must not fail.

We must be big enough and bold enough and wise enough to move forward into a new era in history, an era where for the first time a child born anywhere in the world may live to fully understand the real meaning of peace and security and progress.