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1. Arms Control Problem:
Nuclear weapons - comprehensive test ban

2. Verification Type:

- (a) Seismic sensors
- (b) On-site inspection selective

- non-obligatory

(c) International control organization

3. Source:

Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden, United Arab Republic. "Joint memorandum". ENDC/28, 16 April 1962.

4. Summary:

There exists the possibility of establishing a system for continuous observation and effective control on a purely scientific and non-political basis. Such a system might be based upon already existing national networks of observation posts and institutions together with new posts established by agreement.

An International Commission consisting of a limited number of highly qualified scientists with appropriate staff might be considered. This Commission would process data received from the system of observation posts. All parties would agree to furnish data to the Commission regarding the nature of any suspicious and significant event. Parties could invite the Commission to visit their territory and/or the site of a suspicious event. If the Commission remained uncertain as to the nature of the event, the party and the Commission would consult regarding further measures of clarification. After full examination of the facts the Commission would inform the parties to the treaty of its assessment of the event in question.

5. Selected Comments of States:

The US raised several questions regarding the details of the proposed system, see: ENDC/29, 17 April 1962. The USSR supported the position taken in this paper, see: ENDC/32, 19 April 1962.