

of such an abnormal situation during the meetings of technical experts on the problems of control over the cessation of experimental explosions. That is why we consider that their work must be finished in the shortest term agreed upon beforehand. I take the liberty of expressing the hope that this point of view will also be met with understanding on the part of the Government of Canada.

I shall not conceal, Mr. Prime Minister, that we had expected to find in your reply confirmation that the Government of Canada would use its good influence to try to induce the Governments of the USA and Great Britain, with which it has close ties, to end the experimental explosions of atomic and hydrogen bombs which are carried on by these states.

Certain grounds for this were given to us by your recent speech in Toronto, where you expressed the hope that the Western Powers would soon end the testing of nuclear weapons. Unfortunately your letter does not contain this confirmation. Meanwhile any initiative and any steps by the Canadian Government to promote a solution to the problem of the general cessation of nuclear weapons tests, as well as of other problems of deep concern to mankind, would be of positive significance. They would constitute a definite contribution to the great cause of strengthening peace between peoples, towards which the Soviet Government is consistently and invariably striving.

With sincere respect,

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