

8. We assume you have now received from Brussels by mail copy of Canadian statement on Soviet imperialism delivered at U.N. on November 23.

9. We think it would be inappropriate for you to initiate any discussion on telex.

10. We would prefer discussion at your initiative be limited to foregoing topics.⁴⁴

[H.C.] GREEN

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au conseiller du Gouvernement canadien en matière du désarmement*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Advisor to Government of Canada on Disarmament*

TELEGRAM N-314

Ottawa, November 29, 1962

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Reference: Your Tel 1826 Nov 28.

Repeat for Information: NATO Paris, Paris, Washington, London, Permis New York, Bonn, Rome, CCOS (JS/DSS) (Routine).

By Bag Moscow.

ENDC – NUCLEAR TESTS

I have considered the amendment to our paper giving a proposed basis for further negotiations on cessation of nuclear weapons tests (our telegram N-311 November 22) which is referred to in your reference telegram. However, for the following reasons I do not consider it desirable to make substantive amendments to the paper at this time:

(a) Your reference telegram suggests that the procedure we have recommended would be unacceptable to the USA. Given the firm stand on principles taken by each side (one insisting on obligatory on-site inspections, the other refusing to accept them) it is exceedingly difficult to devise a position which would not be open to some criticism. However, in drafting our proposal we have tried to take account of both sides' main preoccupations. Our basic objectives have been (i) to protect essential Western interests *and* at the same time (ii) to draft a scheme which would have some chance of acceptance by the Soviet Union.

(b) To meet the first of these requirements we incorporated a number of protective features: (i) the arrangement is *temporary*, and would not last beyond six months if the USA felt its security was threatened; (ii) other possibilities for settling the nature of a "doubtful" event, short of on-site inspection, are allowed for; (iii) while a state could refuse an on-site inspection, strong pressure is put on it not to do so, since if it did, it would in effect be branded as "guilty" and required to prove the contrary to the satisfaction of 2/3 of the Commission, failing which other parties could opt out of the agreement.

⁴⁴ Note marginale : /Marginal note:

Not sent. The Ambassador saw Khrushchev before this could receive final approval. Approved in draft.
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Pour la conversation de Smith avec Khrouchtchev, voir les documents 54, 197 à 200, 439 et 742.

For Smith's conversation with Khrushchev, see documents 54, 197-200, 439, 742.