

In accordance with your instructions in Nr. EXEMPT continued talks on disarmament with the Americans along these lines:

A. Inspection points plus threats is one of the possibilities.

B. Formal unilateral steps, actually simultaneous reductions by both sides.

Talks with a representative of the Department of State: In recent talks with GROMIKO, the USA proposed the destruction of a certain number of bombers by both sides without inspection. GROMIKO did not turn down the proposal. They are ready to expand the idea to include rocket launchers and other types of weapons also without inspection, in order to comply with the reservations of the USSR. He considers a formal agreement on future reductions or a freeze too difficult to attain next year because of elections. A confidential agreement is possible.

Information of KENNEDY's assassination was received during the discussion. The reaction: Eliminates the possibility of any steps for elections and freezes the situation.

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