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THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

WILLIAM C. FOSTER DINNER

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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I have no illusions about the difficult nature of these negotiations. When responsible leaders of great nations approach their vital security interests, they do so with great caution. I know our leaders will not agree to anything that endangers our national security. And I make the same assumption about the Soviet leaders.

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But even great powers with different values and different political and social systems share at least some areas of common interest. Manifestly the first area is a shared interest in survival.

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Let this nation boldly take the lead in working for arms control and disarmament -- nuclear and conventional, global and regional -- for peaceful settlement of those disputes which do arise among nations - for an atmosphere in which governments can at last devote maximum energies and resources to the needs and aspirations of their own peoples.

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For only as we succeed in replacing terror with trust, fear with faith, and suspicion with confidence can we expect to fashion the foundations of world order that are necessary for survival in the nuclear age.

Paul's Story on Disarmament

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Socrates gave answers to the people
- the people answered Socrates -

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(We must pray that the Soviet leaders ~~now~~ see the futility and folly of pursuing further a course which cannot possibly *lead all mankind closer to the brink of nuclear disaster.* add either to their security or to ours, *but which will instead*)

It is, therefore, vitally important that we understand the urgency of beginning these bilateral talks as rapidly as possible.

✓ I do not agree that these negotiations should await progress in settling more general political problems. The imperative of our present circumstances -- that of preventing the next round in the nuclear arms race before it is irreversibly launched -- cannot await the solution of political disputes many years in the making, and that will be many years, if not generations, in solving.

It is especially important that prior to the negotiations we exercise great restraint in word and action on matters relating to

strategic weapons.

It is primarily for this reason that I have opposed the decision to proceed with a modified deployment of the ~~anti~~ anti-ballistic missile system. I remain unconvinced that the security of our second-strike forces required ~~this~~ such action at this time. [More than this, however, there remain severe questions about the efficacy of the Safeguard system in comparison with to other steps which might be taken to protect our ICBMs or to ~~strengthen~~ strengthen our Polaris fleet, --steps which would ~~not involve~~ avoid moving to the next level of nuclear weapons technology.

My concern for restraint in word and action prior to U.S.-Soviet ~~arms control~~ negotiations also causes me to regret very much ~~these~~ recent Department of Defense statements imputing to the Soviets ~~retain~~ a ~~firm~~ commitment to achieve a first-strike capability in strategic ~~nuclear~~ nuclear weapons.

→ These statements ^{moreover,} necessarily arise from a series of assumptions of long-term Soviet behavior, assumptions which ~~are unproven~~ by nature their ~~nature~~ can be neither ^{proven} nor disproven ^{at this time} and ~~assumptions~~ which remain, to say the least, a matter of considerable debate among our intelligence community.

Secretary Clark Clifford, for example, reached quite different conclusions as to the Soviet strategic posture less than three months ago. And Secretary of State Rogers clearly ^{raised doubts} ~~questioned~~ the ^{about the reliability} ~~firmly~~ certainty of the Department of Defense forecasts ^{these} of a Soviet first-strike capability.

↑ when he stressed the negotiability of the Safeguard system ^{in any future} ~~once~~ arms control ^{talks.} ~~negotiations were under way.~~

I do not believe that the Soviet can seriously contemplate a first strike. In a world where our Polaris fleet is constantly on station, in a world where we have proceeded very far in the development of multiple independently targeted reentry vehicles, I do not believe the Soviet could seriously debate the merits of thinking a first strike capability was possible, let alone that it should be developed.

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~~Such public statements by high ranking officials of the Administration--~~ statements which depart markedly from earlier U.S. pronouncements--can only raise doubts in the Soviet mind about our strategic objectives. And we know from the past that doubt or uncertainty on either side about the strategic goals of the other has been a principal stimulus to the nuclear arms spiral.

A far more prudent course, in my opinion, would be one which avoided raising ~~such~~ spectres of massive Soviet strategic commitments until we have determined through direct talks their actual willingness or unwillingness to decelerate the arms race. Then we will not have to speculate ^{on such critical matters} ~~We~~ will know.

I trust we are wise enough to understand that within the Soviet government, as within our own, are found widely varying opinions and beliefs on the ^{issue} ~~question~~ of strategic ^{weapons.} ~~posture~~. We must, it seems to me, be exceedingly careful not to erode through ill-considered statements or decisions the influence of those Soviet leaders who ^{may be} ~~are~~ advocating a more rational policy of controlling the strategic arms race, ^{seem to} those men who now favor bilateral talks the United States. For we can never doubt the Soviet Union's capacity to propel the arms race to new and more dangerous heights if saner and more rational heads do not prevail -- just as the

Let me also observe at this juncture: I would hope that our government would enter into these bilateral talks with a truly comprehensive proposal, one that raises all major issues for negotiation and which did not unilaterally restrict the flexibility and freedom of our negotiators.

Soviets cannot doubt our ability to do likewise.

That is why our ~~policies~~^{efforts} must be directed toward beginning the negotiations as promptly as possible and in an atmosphere as conducive as possible to meaningful progress.

Some people cannot conceive of the possibility that the two nuclear giants could ever reach an enforceable agreement to halt the arms race. These people may be right.

But even great powers with different values and different political and social systems share at least some areas of common interest. Manifestly the first ^{area} is a shared interest in survival.

Perhaps this does not respond to the highest ambitions of our hearts and minds. Perhaps it is no great compliment to the human race that it took nuclear weapons to teach us that lesson.

But survival is an excellent place to start. It establishes the fact that the great powers today stand, in the most fundamental

much that is done and good

sense, on common ground. And from this, ~~a lot~~ can flow.

No doubt bilateral arms control talks with the Soviet Union will be difficult. No doubt they will take some time. More likely than not, they will have their ups and downs. But given the terrible risks to which the U. S., the Soviet Union and much of the world's population will be exposed if the arms race proceeds unimpeded, we have the obligation -- in the most profound sense

of the word -- to try. *Whatever we do has an element of Risk - isn't it time to take some Risk for Peace?*

In all of this there is expectation -- possibly premature

but pregnant with hope for a world where the cold war is but a

memory -- where arms races are ~~bygone happenings~~ *behind us* -- where *peaceful*

engagement and reconciliation *is* the order of the day, East and West.

I think I know as well as any man just how hard it will be to get from here to there.

I know how many powerful traditions must be confined to history's junkyard -- and how much new history must be made.

I know, too, that with all the will and all the energy we can summon, with the clearest vision and the most creative imagination, we cannot reform relations which others do not want to reform, or which they fear to reform.

But let history record that ^{America} ~~this nation~~ ^{countries} was not the one which denied the people of this planet a chance for survival.

Let this nation boldly take the lead in working for arms control and disarmament -- nuclear and conventional, global and regional -- for peaceful settlement of those disputes which do arise among nations -- for an atmosphere in which governments can at last devote maximum energies and resources to the needs and aspirations of their own peoples.

Let future generations read and know, that in a period of danger, uncertainty and peril - We had that extra measure of courage and character which challenged us to try.

This is the opportunity which now awaits us. I pray that we do not let it slip away. I pray that we are willing to take the risks for peace which can gradually transform the fragile balance of terror into a covenant of trust among nations.

For only as we succeed in replacing terror with trust, *fear with faith, and suspicion with confidence* can we expect to fashion the foundations of world order that are necessary for survival in the nuclear age.

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This distinguished assemblage knows better than I the complexities
 of
 and frustrations ~~in~~ attempting to gain control over the accumulation
 by many nations of ~~the~~ ever-more destructive weapons ^{of war.} ~~of destruction.~~

The issue of armaments--and how to control and curtail them--
 goes to the foundation of international behavior--of how the leaders of
 nations look at the world--of how men seek to defend themselves
 and their vital ~~interest~~ interests in an international environment
 which has never been secure, ~~since nations began.~~

Make no mistake: it ^{helps little} ~~does not help~~ to approach the subject with a
 bleeding heart. Neither anger nor anguish provide answers. The
 subject is ~~is~~ too important for sentimentality--too difficult
 for sloppy thinking.

~~If we are going to think straight about this very tough problem,~~
~~we have to start at the right place and~~

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Clear vision is essential--but so is a hard head. And Bill
surely these
Foster/brought both/capacities ~~to the directorship~~ to the directorship
of ACDA.

Controlling
The problem of armaments is nothing less than the problem of
world order--and all that obstructs the establishment of a universal
system of peaceful settlement of conflict.

We know there are many kinds and levels of arms control ~~and~~
~~disarmament~~ problems. We know there is more than one arms race
going on in this world.

~~We~~ But we know, too, that there is one arms race which overhangs
and overshadows all the others: the *Strategic* nuclear arms race between the
Soviet Union and the United States. ^{we} We are, and/have been ~~we~~ since
Soviet Union's initial rejection of the Baruch Plan,
the ~~beginning~~ reluctant participants in this arms race.

But we have done what we had to do: we have stayed ahead in
the race we tried very hard to avoid.

We have kept our nuclear deterrent highly credible.

We have kept it under ~~lock and key~~ lock and key--~~it~~ unusable except
by decision of the President of the United States.

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We have surrounded it with elaborate devices to guard against accident or misunderstanding: the hot line between the White House and the Kremlin, for example, is ~~still~~ always open.

And despite the dangers ~~of~~ and the terrors of this arrangement-- or perhaps because of them--the policy of deterrence has worked. It is a stark ~~and brilliant~~ fact that there has been no nuclear war. No man, woman or child has been a victim of ~~any~~ nuclear arms since 1945.

But ~~we have done more than maintain a credible deterrent~~ in our search for a more stable international environment, ^{*the United States has*} ~~we have~~ done more than maintain a credible deterrent force of strategic weapons.

We have negotiated patiently and seriously--in Geneva and New York, in Moscow and Washington--for ~~agreed~~ ways to curtail production of nuclear weapons materials, to limit the means of delivery of nuclear bombs, to end nuclear testing, to prevent another upward spiral in the accumulation of nuclear weapons.

We have insisted only that the world be able to verify somehow that agreements ~~made~~ ^{made} will be agreements kept.

In all of this there have been many false starts, much disappointment,

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fact

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and nerve-wracking frustration. And who knows this ~~fact~~ better than Bill Foster?

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It stands to the great credit of the American Government-- and our tireless negotiators--that patience has prevailed. We have

we had someone else to talk to -- a rather
kept at the job of trying to limit and reduce arms as often and for as long as there was somebody else to talk to, with whom we might do basic prerequisite for productive negotiations.
business.

But
Patience and hard work have reaped their rewards. We have not been standing still. If fact, it is only the immensity of the problem as a whole--and the awesome *nature* character of ~~the~~ strategic nuclear weaponry--that obscures a series of dramatic achievements.

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In ^{the} seven short years since the creation of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency: ~~we have~~

- Total disarmament has been achieved in Antarctica;
- Testing of nuclear weapons has been banned in three environments;
- The rise of atmospheric contamination has been halted;
- Outer space has been ruled out for nuclear weapons;
- The* continent *of South America* has been quarantined against atomic arms;

--A curb has been placed on the ~~the~~ spread of nuclear weapons ^{through}
the non-proliferation treaty. *- the secret -*

--Work has started on securing a second environment from
encroachment by ~~the~~ weapons of mass destruction; and

--We have offered to move toward regional arms control in Europe.

So if an enormous job remains to be done, we are not starting
from scratch. Due in large measure to the ~~patience and skill of~~

the man we honor this evening, impressive strides have been achieved.

note stars → *stand at * * * this process -- a rare*
~~Indeed~~ *we* have now ~~come~~ *to* a critical point in ~~history~~ *moment when we have the chance to*
~~moment which offers the~~ *mark the* rare opportunity to ~~escape from~~

~~the~~ break the upward spiral of strategic ~~weapons~~ weaponry which
dominated ^{U.S.-Soviet} ~~our~~ relations
has ~~characterized our relations~~ with the Soviet Union since the
dawn of the atomic age.

We have known for many months that the Soviet leaders were willing
to begin bilateral negotiations over the control of offensive and
defensive strategic weapons; only the tragic Soviet ~~intervention~~ ^{intervention} in
Czechoslovakia kept these talks from beginning last fall.

I have no illusions about the difficult of these negotiations.

When sober leaders of great nations approach their ~~vital~~ vital security

interests, they do so with great caution. I know our own leaders ^{will} ~~are~~ not ~~going to~~ agree to anything that is to the disadvantage of our national security. And I make the same assumption about the Soviet leaders.

But I also assume that the Soviet ~~are~~ leaders have not agreed lightly to enter into these talks with us. If that ^{assumption} is wrong, of course, all bets are off.

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