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C (and B) W arms control

I am glad to commend the energy you are putting into this vital issue.

However, I am not signing petitions — and that is the main reason I'm holding back from your. I get close in to details of policy formulation, both in Washington & in discussions in Moscow that is inconsistent with public declarations, however one may agree with the overall sentiment.

As you may know, I was a very strong backer of the BWC (1972) and have done nothing hard to find ways to make it meaningful & in the USSR as well as the US & and above all to restrain 3d world enviness.

Iraq's successful use of CW is a very grave example.

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I do applaud the specific steps advocated in your memo. For years I have advocated a step-wise approach in which declaration of stocks could allow the verification regime to be tested and to build confidence towards more comprehensive agreement.

Unfortunately, 3d world use of CW is not decelerated by what goes on at Geneva. Even a political settlement of the Iraq-Iran war just opened the door for more concerted threat to Israel.

Hopefully the overall climate of US-USSR relations will continue to improve; and many impossibles may happen on that axis.

Sincerely,

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