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Your March 22 testimony was very well stated. Thank you for sending it.

I feel it is much to be said on behalf of Bombo in preference to shells in view of the deployment policies preceding CNI.

My replies are in very good condition; I have to stake things against the possible failure that will be caught packed against an adversary who is thought to show no restraint whatever. How will the restraint approach from that introspection?

However I certainly will be armed with such critical questions in any future the queries.

What analysis do you have of collateral damage beyond your strategic gains?

More urgently than ever, I feel the need is to find some way to reestablish mutual trust with the USSR on A/C verification issues. The chances of the "US investigation" of yellow-cow does a seismic step backward.

Can you suggest any positive steps? (I don't believe giving (what the benefit of every conversation should be in that category of just reinforcing their scorched-earth policy -- or our own相应 isn't always that helpful either.)

Is it really to the USSR's advantage to see us escalate CNI? (Or do they believe that they will always have the freedom of initiative in first-use in a direct confrontation?)

Us part of what's happening is giving joy to others of ours! - July