

Prevention of Nuclear War

1. The President has considered our discussions on this subject.
2. We believe that any discussion of this subject must take the

following points into account:

-- We believe it important to avoid any formulation that carried an implication of a condominium by our two countries;

-- We believe it important that an agreement between our two countries should not carry any implication that we were ruling out only nuclear war between ourselves but were leaving open the option of nuclear war against third countries;

-- We think it important that in concentrating on the prevention of nuclear war we should not at the same time appear to be legitimizing the initiation of war by conventional means;

-- We think it important that past agreements, whether alliances or other types of obligations, designed to safeguard peace and security should not be put into question.