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Dear Mr. President:

In my letter of January 19, 1954, I presented for your consideration the problem of the development of a portable weapons carrier for the use of the light infantry of the ground on these difficult, mountainous terrain of the world of the past year.

The most important points to be considered in that connection are:

- (1) The United States is the only one of the major powers in the world which does not have a portable weapons carrier.
- (2) The United States is the only one of the major powers which does not have a portable weapons carrier.

It is my belief that the United States has the potential for developing a portable weapons carrier which would be superior to any other portable weapons carrier in the world.

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Very truly yours,
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In conclusion, the information available to me supports the view that, with appropriate safeguards, a moratorium on the testing of large thermonuclear weapons would help to maintain and advance our weapons superiority over the Soviets, and thus would be in the interests of the United States. Such a step would be a forward step looking toward the elimination of nuclear war.

Knowing of your strong interest and leadership in the field relates to world peace, I have taken this opportunity to share the views known to you. I have several associates, including Messrs. and Commissioner Libby with the intention to continue to give my earnest and prayerful hope that these thoughts will be of assistance to you in your own important search for the solution to the ever mounting threat of nuclear war.

Respectfully yours,

Richard M. Nixon
Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States

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The White House

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