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inspection were more realistic than were the suggestions I made. Speaking informally at Geneva, I said if they trusted that kind of an inspection system, it was all right with us; we would adopt both. And I proposed, I said, let's take them both.

Now, we are engaged here in the beginning of developing methods by which we can tell, we can have great confidence that the other fellow is doing exactly what he said he would do, and secondly, we would hope that this would be an approach toward real disarmament.

Now, these are matters that take long examination by experts. I don't understand that the Premier closed the door, and I merely say we are ready to accept and examine any kind of system that looks fair to us and to both sides.

Q. (Charles S. Von Fremd, CBS News) Mr. President, the Atomic Energy Commission announced today, sir, that from what they, from their own explorations, that the Russians had exploded some type of thermonuclear bomb.

I wonder if you could tell us what significance this means to you, and if it represents possibly something that might not be as optimistic as you felt at the Summit.

THE PRESIDENT: I believe you made one error in your premise. I do not believe they said "thermonuclear." I believe they merely said an explosion of atomic character.

I am not going to attempt at this moment to interpret this incident in terms of Soviet intent. I would say that if in their scientific development, if they found that they had come to the place where they could go no place further without tests, they just make tests as a matter of course.

You know, there have been several series since 1949 when the first one, I believe, was detected, and this could mean anything, but not necessarily, as I see it, not necessarily a change in their, let us say, more conciliatory attitude that they have shown in the past weeks and months.

Q. (Edward T. Folliard, Washington Post and Times-Herald) Mr. President, it seems as if something is always happening to puncture that moratorium you talked about in the spring. Yesterday some Ohio Republicans called on you to urge you to run again, and they represented you as saying this: That if you could foresee what the situation will be a year from now, presumably the world situation, if you could foresee that, then you could say what your