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BACKGROUND PAPER

Brief Summary--Five Power
Working Paper on Disarmament

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A. Ultimate Goal:

The ultimate goal is a secure, free, and peaceful world in which there shall be general disarmament under effective international control and agreed procedures for the settlement of disputes in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter.

B. In stages I and II, the Working Paper includes, among other things, joint studies and agreements on:

1. Initial establishment of an International Disarmament Organization which can be progressively developed as more disarmament measures are agreed.

2. Forestalling the placing of weapons of mass destruction in vehicles orbiting or stationed in outer space.

3. Prior warning of launchings of missiles and declarations of the locations of manufacture and launching sites with provision for on-site inspections of launching sites.

4. Halt in the production of nuclear weapons.

5. Transfers from existing nuclear weapons stocks to peaceful uses.

6. Establishment in two phases of maximum levels of conventional armed forces and armaments.

7. Establishment of measures to provide protection against surprise attack.

8. Initial development of international machinery to preserve world peace within the framework of the United Nations.

In stage III measures include:

1. Reductions of national armed forces and armaments to levels required for internal security and fulfillment of United Nations Charter obligations.

2. Prohibition on production of nuclear, chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction.

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3. Reductions in existing stocks of nuclear, chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction to achieve final elimination of these weapons.

4. Prohibition on use of outer space for military purposes.

5. Control of production of military missiles and existing national stocks and their final elimination.

6. Completion of development of international machinery to preserve world peace.

(The only Soviet reaction thus far to the Western proposal concerned criticism of the proposal for not setting a time limit for achieving disarmament. However, a willingness was expressed to examine the Allied Plan.)

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