

DRAFT OF STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF
DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION



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I would like to say a few words about the situation in my mind - the attainment of a world of peace and Government of the United States is a primary principle of our national policy.

Since the end of the last century, the United States has and persistently sought through a system of international relations to establish the conditions of a world of peace. In this goal, this government has consistently supported the principle of genuine, safeguarded peace and stability. We have played a leading part in all United States efforts to bring about peace and private in the hope of achieving a world of peace.

We will renew our efforts in the world peace committee of the United States. This committee will soon convene in London. Let us hope that this meeting will lead to a new and more fruitful stage.

In what other ways do we want to help bring about peace? Nations agree on a world of peace, but they lack the means to lessen the possibility of war. We will try to do this through misunderstanding or misunderstanding.

First, we make unresolving of the outstanding issues which cause the world to be in a state of tension.

Second, we keep our armed forces ready to defend ourselves against any would-be aggressor. This is a necessary condition of peace, which together with those of the other nations, will lead to a world of peace.

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shield of the free world in the present danger.

Third, we make our own intentions plain to us by making the most careful effort to understand the motives—especially the motives of others. Our goal is to understand and not to react blindly to ourselves, make allowance for the differences, and seek to make the arrangements in the world that will bring the terrible power of war to a halt.

Fourth, we press forward with the development of peaceful uses of the atom. We share with our fellow-members in the United Nations the conviction that the day will soon come when, in the words of the resolution adopted by the Assembly resolution "atomic energy will be used only for the benefit of mankind..." We continue to hope that the Commission set up in the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency will make it possible to move such materials from the hands of the military to the hands of the people of mankind.

Fifth, we make known to our people the other peoples the implications of nuclear weapons and their effects on the human race. We know what nuclear war could mean. These facts are being placed by the United States Atomic Energy Commission in the public domain in the fields since its inception. From the time that nuclear energy was used toward meaningful results, facts are being shown to the public in line with the policy I have just stated. The Commission's report on the effects of large-yield nuclear weapons, which has been in preparation for many months, has been distributed to the Commission.

It is the duty of any responsible government to get the facts known to its citizens so that they can take the necessary steps in case, despite the best efforts of the world, an attack should be launched against them. We are confident that the people of the world should be launched against them.

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effects of testing nuclear devices in practice under proper conditions.

As another part of its research, AEC will begin [] this month in Nevada another in-depth, multi-phase series of tests of nuclear devices. In this series, an important emphasis, major attention will be given to obtaining civil defense data.

I have made this statement today in order to set clearly in the larger framework of our overriding goal for peace the responsibilities we must undertake until a workable and permanent plan sets the world firmly on the road to a just and lasting peace.

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