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August 11, 1967

Mr. J. A. Roberts  
Acting Secretary General  
North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
Paris, France

Dear Jim:

The Soviet Co-Chairman in Geneva, Ambassador Roshchin, has advised us that the Soviet Union is prepared shortly to submit to the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee a draft Non-Proliferation Treaty as a joint recommendation of the United States and the Soviet Co-Chairmen. The article pertaining to Safeguards (Article III) is to be left blank.

The Soviets have indicated that they are prepared to accept the NPT text discussed in NAC June 15 with the following changes. First, contrary to earlier indications, the Soviets have accepted the second alternative amendments clause (i.e. amendments are to be binding on all parties when approved by a majority including the members of the IAEA Board of Governors). It will be recalled that pursuant to agreement in the Council, we notified the Soviets that while we preferred the first alternative, we could accept either formulation of the amendments clause.

Second, the Soviets have suggested substituting the following for the penultimate preambular paragraph:

"Desiring to further the easing of international tension and the strengthening of trust between states in order to facilitate the cessation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons, the liquidation of all their existing stock-piles, and the elimination from national arsenals of nuclear weapons and the means of their delivery pursuant to a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,"

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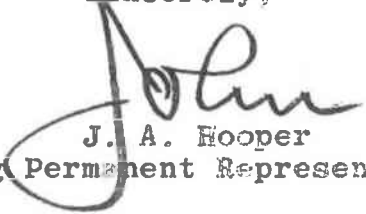
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We consider this to be a minor reformulation of the earlier text and plan to advise the Soviets that we find it acceptable.

Ambassador Foster, who is now in the United States to appear before the Congress on the ACDA appropriation, will return to Geneva over the weekend. We believe that the draft NPT may be submitted to the ENDC during the coming week, but this depends on final arrangements to be worked out at Geneva and Soviet agreement. Meanwhile, the essential draft NPT text will continue to be held in strict confidence. It is our understanding that the above information is being provided today in capitals and that Ambassador Foster will make the enclosed statement to the press in Washington this afternoon.

Sincerely,

  
J. A. Hooper  
Acting Permanent Representative

cc: All Permanent Representatives

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STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR FOSTER  
TO BE MADE IN WASHINGTON  
1200 PM, AUGUST 11, 1967

"I have been discussing with the President the progress in the negotiation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty at Geneva. In particular, I have been discussing with him the fact that I have been advised that it is possible that we may very soon be able to table a draft Non-Proliferation Treaty for the consideration of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee now meeting in Geneva. For that reason, I am returning to Geneva in the hopes that we can work out the final solution of the problems concerning the tabling of a draft Non-Proliferation Treaty before the Committee."