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Note dictated by the Secretary ~~on~~ on the President's views on non proliferation, as set forth at the recent Camp David meeting.

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We are opposed to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

We are not going to turn our weapons over to any other nation.

To stop the spread of nuclear weapons is urgent. The responsibility for firing U.S. nuclear weapons rests with the President of the U.S. This is true as a matter of law, policy and intent. We see no prospect that it will or can be changed. But we cannot undertake a treaty obligation which commits us to act as if there were no alliance. The United States has committed itself to collective security, beginning with the UN Charter. We cannot say to our allies that these matters are none of their business.

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There is no great thrust at present that we move quickly to alliance nuclear arrangements. But we should not preclude by treaty arrangements in the future - not involving proliferation - which might be necessary to restrain certain allies and preserve the alliance.

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