

Insert for Reflections Chapter

In our 1 October 1963 paper on strategic arms' control limitations, Paul Nitze and I had written "in a larger perspective the very fact of being able to negotiate and agree on a rather elaborate arrangements covered in this paper would imply the achievement of a stage where political problems were in fact being resolved, as registered by the arms' control agreement. Whether great power rivalry is yet quite dissusceptible to amelioration and sublimation --even tho the impulse for common interest (non zero settlement) is certainly increasing in the kind of world we live in -- remainspot.

This paper attempts to raise the issues, decision on which is necessary for the conduct of those negotiations required to determine whether that rivalry can be circumvented. Nothing in this paper should give great optimism. But the problems delineated should not be a cause for undue pessimism or abatement of our efforts. The seventeen years of apparently meaningless propaganda exchanges in the arms' control field

finally gave birth to two arms' control agreements, (by 1963). The fact that these agreements came about at a time when political detente suited the needs of the Soviet leadership should not obscure the fact that a great body of common language and dogma in the arms' control field made it possible for the relatively quick agreement when the political circumstances were appropriate. A future struggle to succeed Khrushchev could well result in the seizure of arms' control issues by one of the aspiring lieutenants as a tool for the winning of possible support necessary to achieve power. Or increasing problems in the allocation of economic resources or with the Chinese Communists could drive the Soviet leadership towards the acceptance of such packages. The details, painstaking, years-long spelling out of the details of the mutually acceptable first stage agreement with the U.S.S.R., to which this document attempts to make a contribution, should continue."

(Note to Bob: This might help to demonstrate what my real attitude towards arms' control was starting out the four years before Henry Bourgia Kissinger began to poison the system.)