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This Copy For:-

*The President*

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the table who is presumably seeing the other side of the coin and not your side, you have to remember that on our side are dozens and dozens of countries involved. I think that we have done a very fine job to get the NATO countries and ourselves all in one packet, agreeing to one thing, and get that done.

Now, on the other side, you will recall there are many bases out in the Red China area. Those were not brought in as merely at this point being complicating and not being critical to the first steps that we are talking about, which is the creating of confidence and all that sort of thing.

You know, one of the early reasons I explained at the time in the International Atomic Energy thing, if we can get people used to working together over a peaceful thing where they have got to solve problems of administration and direction and all sorts of technical problems of an engineering nature, maybe we can build up some kind of confidence, instead of having people necessarily always standing, literally, with daggers in their eyes, watching the other fellow.

Q. Cater, Reporter Magazine. Mr. President, a number of competent legal authorities since the passage of this Jury Trial Amendment have said that this specific amendment is workable, that there are still teeth, that under civil contempt procedures that you could go quite a distance with a District Judge and the Attorney General, or the Justice Department. So far as I know, no one has addressed any rebuttal to the merits of this particular amendment as passed.

Do you know what it is that specifically disturbs you about the final amendment?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think again I must refer you to my statement of August 2nd, written out very carefully. But there is, there are implications in Section 4 as now written that in my opinion would be most damaging to the entire Federal Judiciary.

Q. Warren Unna, Washington Post. Mr. President, in your discussion of the clean bomb ---

THE PRESIDENT: What's that?

Q. (Unna). In your discussion of the clean bomb, you mentioned a 95 percent clean bomb, and hopes for developing an absolutely clean bomb.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q. (Unna). I wonder if you could tell us, sir, when you think the military will begin stockpiling the relatively clean bomb?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think that as quickly as they are produced in quantity, they begin to stockpile those. But that does not mean that you can immediately go back over all of your old ones and get them revised. That takes time. But they are stocking whatever the cleanest bomb they have at the moment -- they have stocked up on it.

Q. David Sentner, Hearst Newspapers. Mr. President, would you tell us whether correspondence between you and Marshal Zhukov has lapsed?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, except for one personal exchange as a polite amenity following the Geneva conference, I have had no direct communication with Admiral Zhukov -- with Marshal Zhukov, I think it was April, 1946.

All of the opinions and statements I have ever made to you people about the Marshal were based upon, I have carefully explained, my six months' connection with him in 1945. So, since then, I have had no direct communication with him.

Q. (Sentner). Could you give us any idea of the substance of those past communications, particularly relevant to the current disarmament discussions?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I certainly would not want to guess at them now. I would have to go back, because they had nothing to do with -- this is 1946, and that is eleven years ago, and I -- I wouldn't want -- they had nothing to do with disarmament, except that he did have this feeling that America and Russia were the two peoples who should try to devise plans and more or less induce others to conform. But that was, I say, a long time ago and I know nothing about his convictions at the moment.



Q. (Smith, United Press). Thank you, Mr. President.

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