

The Department of State first recalls that the London proposals of last August made by Canada, France, United Kingdom and the United States called for just such a study. It is hoped that this offer will be accepted by the Soviet Union.

The State Department emphasizes that these London proposals call for a multilateral international study and not a bilateral study between the United States and USSR, and the United States would not be disposed to consider any alteration of this aspect of the proposals, although if its associates agree to such a study it might be initiated without awaiting the conclusion of other substantive features of the proposal.

I just suggest you don't forget it said, "If our associates agree," then we think that such a study, not a plan, but such a study could be initiated.

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



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