

Now the great reason for spending more money is because of the number of strings you put on your bow. In almost every field we have had several types and kinds working ahead to find which would be the more successful, so I can't say that I am dissatisfied.

I can say this: I wish we were further ahead and knew more as to accuracy and to the erosion and to the heat-resistant qualities of metals and all the other things we have to know about. I wish we knew more about it at this moment.

Q. (Burd) Is there some way that could have been done, something that could have been done that wasn't done?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'll tell you, shortly after I came here, I immediately assembled a group of scientists, through the Defense Secretary, to study the whole thing, and to give us something on which we could proceed with confidence, or at least pursuing the greatest possibilities according to scientific conclusions.

That we have done, and I think we have done it very earnestly, with a great deal of expense, a great deal of time and effort, and I don't know what we could have done more.

Q. Lawrence, New York Times. Mr. President, could you give us, sir, the American story, that is, this government's version of the incident that Mr. Khrushchev described to Mr. Boston in his interview when the Soviet government put forth a feeler as to whether or not Marshal Zhukov would be welcomed in this country, and according to Mr. Khrushchev were rebuffed?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I will say this, about the rebuff I know nothing. If there was any committed, I am sure it was unintentional.

Now, what happened: You will recall somebody in one of these meetings asked me whether I thought that a meeting between Mr. Wilson and Marshal Zhukov might produce anything useful, and I said it might, and that later -- I was talking to the Secretary about it, and he said it was a hypothetical question and got a hypothetical answer.

I don't know whether it would do any good or not; and he said well, there's this one thing about it, we have got to be aware -- and of course this we all know -- of bilateral talks when you have allies and comrades in very great ventures like we have in NATO, and so on. And at that moment talks were going on in Britain on the disarmament business on a multilateral basis, and it would have probably had a very