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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 17, 1969---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today urged the American people to "be patient" as the United States and the Soviet Union today began their Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in Helsinki, Finland.

"Leaders from both countries have expressed the hope that for the first time since World War II, the two major nuclear powers can enter serious negotiations on an agreement to control offensive and defensive strategic nuclear weapons," Dole said on the Senate floor.

"The American people must realize that there are no quick answers in these negotiations, but a start must be made.

"Throughout the negotiations in Helsinki and thereafter, the United States must be patient and resourceful.

"Negotiation and even signing of an agreement to control strategic weapons will not bring peace to a troubled world. But the talks are a major step and one that we all hope will be successful."