

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1983

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of June 22, 1983, and for your support of our efforts to deal with the problem of ensuring Soviet compliance with arms control treaties.

I firmly believe that our security requires that we do not agree to treaties that we cannot effectively verify. Hence, one of the key principles of arms control that I have set down is that we will seek only agreements that include effective means of verification. I will not submit unverifiable treaties to the Senate for ratification.

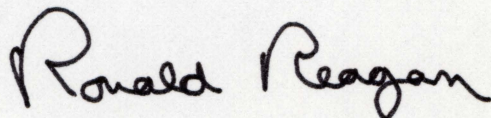
Similarly, it is critical that the Soviet Union comply in full measure with obligations undertaken in current treaties and agreements. Where questions of compliance exist, I will pursue each issue until it is resolved satisfactorily.

As you know, I have established the National Security Council Arms Control Verification Committee to address verification and compliance issues in a systematic way. This group is currently conducting a comprehensive study of Soviet compliance with existing treaties and agreements. A priority task for the group is to study in depth those issues you and your colleagues have identified.

We will keep you apprised as the work progresses.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your continuing support on this crucial matter.

Sincerely,



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