

their intent to abide by an agreement that would bring about these ends, this control, we are not sure that we will get that done this year.

This is going to be a most difficult thing to do. The negotiation of this with 115 nations or so is not something you do overnight.

The investigation of safeguards and all the things that go with it, to reduce the chances of proliferation, we believe will go into 1967 and perhaps beyond.

Mr. HAMILTON. Would you say this agreement would have the highest priority in your Agency?

Mr. FOSTER. It has the highest priority. We believe this is the most urgent problem we face.

Mr. HAMILTON. Thank you.

That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. McVicker.

Mr. McVICKER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Foster, I believe when you stated some two dozen countries do have reactors now from the United States, you stated also that we do have a safeguard contractual arrangement with every one of them.

Does this include our own in-person inspection in these countries as to what they are doing?

Mr. FOSTER. We have developed a form of inspection in which we are allowed access, I think "at any time." Power reactors which would have the threat of providing possible fuel have this commitment.

We can check the quantitative input of the fuels, the burnup that has taken place, the residue that is left, so that we know what the processing of the fuel is, where it goes and what it is used for, and we have the ability to, we have the right to check that at any time we feel it is necessary.

This is not true of the research reactors which do not pose this threat. The ability to look at those is not as unrestricted as it is in the power reactors.

Mr. McVICKER. What kind of reactors—

Mr. FOSTER. The power reactors produce electric energy. Indonesia has a research reactor.

Mr. McVICKER. Our people could not go in there right now and examine—

Mr. FOSTER. We have the right of access at times. I don't know how frequently.

In other words, they might have to run for 20 years in order to develop enough of this material to produce a device and we would have access much more frequently than any number of years.

Mr. McVICKER. It is fair to say, sir, with regard to all of the reactors, any kind, that we have supplied to other countries, our Government is confident these cannot be used in a military way or for further direct military goals without our knowledge?

Mr. FOSTER. Without breaching the contract.

Mr. McVICKER. Without either breaching the contract or if they do breach without our knowing that they do breach.

Mr. FOSTER. That is correct.