

Mr. McVICKER. If they do breach the contract, what would be the steps?

Mr. FOSTER. Then you have the usual question of what pressures, what restrictions you apply, political, economic. I don't think we would necessarily go to a military attack.

Mr. McVICKER. Has that happened in any instance?

Mr. FOSTER. It has not happened in any instance.

Mr. McVICKER. That is all.

Chairman MORGAN. Mrs. Bolton.

Mrs. BOLTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just a couple of short questions. Are you still planning to permit the international inspection of any one of the four plutonium reactors without any reciprocity from Russia?

Mr. FOSTER. This is still under discussion. We have not shut them down yet. The question of when will be discussed with the Joint Committee, when, as and if it occurs.

Mrs. BOLTON. Did you say that we were close to having an adequate verifiable detection system for the new—

Mr. FOSTER. No. I said that we have made progress toward the development of such for a comprehensive test ban. We have it if we could have on-site inspection accompany any arrangement. What we would need, however, is a continuation of some on-site inspection.

Mrs. BOLTON. And how about the underground?

Mr. FOSTER. I am speaking of tests underground. We have an adequate one for the ones in the atmosphere, under water, and in space.

Mrs. BOLTON. Not underground.

Mr. FOSTER. We can detect everything underground down to any significant size. We can not always tell whether it is an earthquake or a nuclear explosion.

For that we would continue to need some ability to go on the property to look at it.

Mrs. BOLTON. Thank you very much.

Chairman MORGAN. Any further questions?

Mr. FRASER.

Mr. FRASER. Mr. Foster, one question I forgot to ask. Was there any radiation on the Kiwi explosion?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, but in a very restricted area and very, very small indeed.

Mr. FRASER. No chance—

Mr. FOSTER. None of this could have gotten outside.

Mr. FRASER. It would have to get outside our borders to constitute a violation?

Mr. FOSTER. Not this one, unfortunately. This was in the atmosphere.

Mr. FRASER. It is only the underground ones?

Mr. FOSTER. The treaty, you see, proscribes any explosion in the atmosphere, any nuclear explosion. We deny this is a nuclear explosion. So the matter of radioactive debris is not of significance in their charge.

Mr. FRASER. I might add that my question about the United Nations detonating an explosion in digging the canal was my interest in exploring the possibility that the United Nations build a canal and operate it.