

ones, will be needed to overcome the limiting features of present day East-West bilateral trade relations. And while the United States has not heretofore expressed interest in or exerted leadership to bring such developments about, under a changed East-West trade policy this will be one of the logical next steps to be taken.

It is noteworthy that this change in U.S. policy is proposed to be undertaken in the dawn of a new trade era in the free world—shortly following the formulation of the Common Market and the major and comprehensive trade overhauls of the Kennedy Round and coincident with greater recognition of the need to concentrate on the other enormous trade gap—that between the developed and less-developed countries. Perhaps this new era may see East-West trade as a major vehicle for political change as well.

In final judgment, therefore, East-West trade need be neither a dilemma nor a delusion for the United States, but we must be more forthright and mature in our judgments regarding this field. Too much is at stake to take sole counsel of our fears as we have in the past; too little is to be gained if we do not act in confidence that genuine efforts toward peaceful relations will be reciprocated.

