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McGeorge Bundy -

In discussions with Spurgeon Keeny of Hornig's staff and Harrison Brown of NAS we had decided not to send a presidential message to Pugwash at this session, partly because of the frequency of the meetings and the consequent depreciation of the impact of a Presidential message, partly because of the unnecessary problems such a message might cause during the election period because of congressional criticism of Pugwashery. An outgoing msg to Prague did not close the door on a presidential greeting, but tended to discourage the prospect of one.

I have consulted with Amb. Thompson about the attached incoming message and he doesn't feel strongly one way or the other. If you decide to send one, he and I both hope it could be routine and non-committal. A proposed draft is attached for your consideration.
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