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NUCLEAR TESTS**NOTE BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

My colleagues may be interested to see the text of a message which I to-day received from President Kennedy.

Dear Friend,

This morning, as I signed the instrument of ratification of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, I could not but reflect on the extent to which your steadfastness of commitment and determined perseverance made this Treaty possible. Thanks to your never flagging interest, we were ready with our views when the Soviets decided they were ready to negotiate. If humanity is to be spared further radioactive contamination of the atmosphere, if the nuclear arms race is to be slowed down, if we are to make more rapid progress toward lasting stability in international affairs, it will be in no small measure due to your own deep concern and long labor. History will eventually record your indispensable role in bringing about the limitation of nuclear testing; but I cannot let this moment pass without expressing to you my own keen appreciation of your signal contribution to world peace.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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In return I sent the following reply :

Dear Friend,

Very many thanks for your characteristically generous message about the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. As you know I feel very deeply that it is the duty of our two countries to work together for world peace, by all means in our power. I have been very much sustained by the knowledge that you share this conviction as you have demonstrated so signally by your actions.

With warm regard,

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD MACMILLAN.

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*10 Downing Street, S.W. 1,
8th October, 1963.*

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