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(c)Nuclear Test Talks

Soviet tactics at the nuclear test talks, which resumed on 8 June after a four-week recess, suggest that Moscow is still interested in keeping this issue open for use as an additional inducement to the West to make concessions on Berlin to ensure holding a summit meeting. In an effort to demonstrate favorable prospects for agreement, Soviet delegate Tsarapkin pressed for an early discussion of control-post staffing, stressing this problem could be resolved without difficulty. However, Tsarapkin maintained his earlier position on the question of establishing an annual quota for inspections of suspected nuclear explosions. He indicated strong disagreement with the Western view that the number of inspections should be directly related to the total number of events detected each year which cannot be definitely identified

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as natural phenomena and are therefore suspected of being nuclear explosions. Tsarapkin showed surprise at the British position in particular, recalling that Prime Minister Macmillan had not referred to such a relationship in discussing his idea for an annual inspection quota with Khrushchev.

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