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Questions on the Status of the Non-Proliferation Treaty

- 1. In order to open the treaty for signature, how much support must we get from the Special Session of the UNGA and are there specific countries of whose support we must be certain?
- 2. Is there a real possibility that the FRG will not sign, or significantly delay signing, the NPT? Have we done everything we should to minimize this possibility?
- 3. Could the refusal of India to sign have a chain reaction on the willingness of other countries to sign? Have we done everything we should to persuade India to sign?
- 4. How many -- and which -- countries should sign the treaty before it is submitted to the Senate?
- 5. In view of the current Senatorial debate on our foreign commitments, is there a possibility that opposition to the treaty and its associated security assurances will develop in the Senate?
- 6. Under what circumstances, and for how long, might we have to defer depositing our instrument of ratification of the treaty after it had received the approval of the Senate?