

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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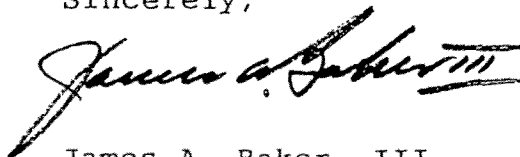
Mr. President:

We have reviewed the letter of May 19 which you have given President Bush in connection with the START Protocol. We read that letter to mean that by the end of the seven-year START reductions period, there will be no nuclear weapons of any type and no strategic offensive arms of any type on the territory of Kazakhstan.

I plan to make this statement on the meaning of your letter of May 19 part of the record when we meet to sign the Protocol.

Attached is a note from the Russian Ambassador in Washington making clear that the Russian understanding of the meaning of your letter of May 19 is the same as the United States' understanding.

Sincerely,



James A. Baker, III

His Excellency
Nursultan Nazarbayev,
President of the Republic of Kazakhstan,
Alma Ata.