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The following is the German Embassy translation of a letter to the Secretary from Foreign Minister Brandt delivered the evening of February 9:

"Dear Mr. Secretary: periodically should be seen in

Since January 18, 1968, the Geneva Disarmament Conference has had the opportunity of discussing a complete draft non-proliferation treaty. The negotiations have thus entered a new important phase.

The Federal Government welcomes and appreciates that the present draft treaty contains a number of improvements which the US has achieved in the negotiations with the Soviet Union and which also take into account German wishes.

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During recent discussions of the draft treaty in the cabinet committee on defence and in the cabinet the view has been expressed that the NPT could play a better and more lasting role as an instrument of a progressive disarmament and peace policy if its procedural rules were made more flexible. Adjustment of technological and other developments of the future would thus be ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ facilitated. In this connection, the procedural provisions on duration and extension, withdrawal, amendments and review of the operation of the treaty (powers of the review conference, periodicity) should be seen in their inherent context. It would be highly desirable to work into the body of these provisions, not necessarily into each one of them, a higher degree of adaptability than is to be found in the present language.

The present draft of the safeguards article ~~XXXXXX~~ opens up the possibility, we trust, to take proper account of the interests of EURATOM. The Federal Government considers US support to be vital in order really to secure a satisfactory verification agreement between EURATOM and IAEA.

I hope that the remaining difficulties can be successfully resolved so that the treaty can count on as wide an acceptance as possible.

Sincerely yours,  
(sgd.) Brandt."

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