

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1995

Dear Tom:

My thanks and congratulations to you and all the members of our delegation to the Conference on the Review and Extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty for the magnificent success of your efforts in New York.

In 1995 we are pursuing the most ambitious agenda to dismantle and fight the spread of weapons of mass destruction since the atom was first split. The NPT is the cornerstone of our efforts to combat the spread of nuclear weapons and to keep nuclear materials out of dangerous hands. The NPT also creates the global framework under which the United States and Russia can continue to reduce Cold War nuclear arsenals.

Now the community of nations can count on the NPT forever. It is a measure of the delegation's achievement that the New York conference not only extended the Treaty indefinitely and unconditionally, but also that it was able to do so through a consensus decision. Thus the NPT has been not only extended, but strengthened.

This result is a tribute to the skill and energy of the U.S. delegation to the New York Conference and to a brilliant and skillfully coordinated effort by all agencies and departments extending over many months in Washington and around the world. It is, notably, a tribute to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency which spearheaded our efforts with determination and dedication.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I want to thank you for your invaluable contribution to this historic effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Thomas Graham, Jr.  
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