

Bertrand Russell Society

"Remember Your Humanity and Forget the Rest."

Bertrand Russell, Russell-Einstein Manifesto, 1955

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House

Re: Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's (NAPF) open letter of appeal to Presidents Trump and Putin.

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the Bertrand Russell Society I wish to tell you that our Society strongly supports the recent NAPF appeal to you and President Putin to begin negotiations on the abolition of nuclear weapons. The appeal, which you may already have seen, can be accessed at *The Hill*, here:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/homeland-security/319740-an-open-letter-to-trump-and-putin-the-world-needs>

I'll quote only their last two sentences:

We, the undersigned, implore you to commence negotiations to reduce the dangers of a nuclear war, by mistake or malice, and immediately commit your respective governments to the realizable objective of a nuclear weapons-free world. It would be the greatest possible gift to the whole of humanity and to all future generations, as well as of enduring benefit to the national and human security of Russia and the United States.

I'm including for your interest, a copy of a little book, *History of the World in Epitome*, which Bertrand Russell published on his 90th birthday in 1962, only a few months before the Cuban Missile Crisis. The booklet, in only 21 words, captures the simple essence of our common peril and a "history" that we must avert.

I'm also sending a similar letter and copy of Russell's booklet to President Putin.

Yours faithfully,

Timothy Madigan
President

1 Enclosure