

American people will choose from among many paths to reach a peaceful solution and that they will move toward such a solution and not toward war. And we believe that, in the long run, security for all nations demands a supra-national solution.

We will strive unceasingly to bring this understanding to the American people through all the avenues of public discussion open to us. If we are to have any hope of influencing the Russians and of convincing them that America wants peace and security for all peoples, we must understand the reasons for their profound distrust of everything foreign, which has become the sickness of a stubborn isolationism. We will work for understanding, not abject appeasement.

This letter goes to you on the second anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. On that day the American people assumed responsibility before the world for the release of the most revolutionary force since the discovery of fire. Each of us, whether as scientists who made the bomb possible, or as citizens of the nation that applied the knowledge, stands accountable for the use we make of this tremendous force. To our generation has come the possibility of making the most fateful decision in the recorded history of the human race. By an act of the collective will, made now, in this fraction of historic time, we can ensure that this great and painful achievement of man's intellect, instead of turning upon humanity, may be secured for the benefit of future generations. I believe that mankind, capable of reason, restraint, and courage will choose this path of peace.

No one can predict the events of the coming year, but each of us has it in his power today to act for peace. You have helped us in the past. I ask you to help again.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ A. Einstein

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