

Preface

We have talked together a lot about issues of arms control and about the devastating consequences of a nuclear explosion. *The Gravest Danger*, by Sid Drell and Jim Goodby, with a Foreword by George Shultz, addresses this issue.

Out of all this discussion came the idea of holding a conference on the twentieth anniversary of the meeting in Reykjavik between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev. The idea was not so much to rehash the Reykjavik events as to talk about the implications of what was discussed there.

We are very pleased that the idea attracted a group of outstanding people, and the discussion for all of us was genuinely rewarding. At its conclusion, Bill Perry suggested that we should have a follow-up meeting, and we plan to organize one.

In the meantime, we have put together in this little booklet some of the extraordinary material presented to the conference. Also included is an op-ed piece that was a derivative of the conference and that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* on January 4, 2007. The reactions to this piece have been generally favorable, so we are encouraged to continue working at this project. We were particularly struck by a letter from Mikhail Gorbachev, which is also included in this booklet.

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