

Welcome unilaterally  
reductions in  
conventional but  
still 2:1



Lack of frankness on chemical

Agreed need to keep  
weapons up to date,  
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## CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Worried for long time

but particularly since Iraq used them  
in Middle East.

We - no capability

know difficulty of verification because easy  
to make in ordinary chemical  
plant.

Two Problems - only way to resolve  
is to discuss frankly



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First difficulty in recording  
information we have collected  
over the years  
on amount of chemical agents  
you have  
or on the type, + on degree of  
mod:

And - Mr. Karpov went to Tunis  
didn't clean it up. - found it  
difficult to accept his findings.

Second - Skeithany - restrictions were put  
on our ability to inspect + question



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Content the visit to Boston Down  
Products we were shown were  
clearly obsolete - agents & manufacturers

1/10/77

If we are to have confidence -  
the national habit of secrecy in this  
area must be broken down -  
otherwise it will affect all our talks  
work we have put in over past  
2-3 years with the security impaired



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Now - research -

and confidence received -

severe setbacks



Convinced that U.S.S.R. have not  
been willing to provide info. which  
would prove our worries to be unfounded.

~~or~~ At present convinced have a  
extensive modern technology in  
chemical agents research