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Dear Charles,  
Engelstein

the enclosed is of interest !

The Conference resolutions amount to very little, and even that depending on a doubtful power to carry them out. One Gorbachevite tells me that , apparently after careful consideration, G opted for the maintenance of his polyolithic "coalition" , judging it too risky to go further at present, politically speaking<sup>x</sup>. However, he started , or allowed to be started, a few hares which can be pursued later.

At any rate, the political problem remains. And progress on the economy has been small as yet. We shall see...

best wishes,

Yours ever

Bob

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In spite of the extreme urgency of his agenda, both political and social.

V.V. Zagladin, First Deputy Head of the International Department  
of the Central Committee.

(In Komsomolskaya Pravda, 26 June 1988, p.1)

"In the 1970s and the first half of the 1980s the roots of many mistakes were in the conceptual approach. Repudiating nuclear war and conducting an active struggle for peace, we nevertheless proceeded from the assumption of the possibility of victory in a possible conflict. Here is the source of confrontation in relationships with the West. Only when the foreign and military policy concepts were adjusted away from that, only then did the foreign policy of our country become consistent".

Note: Western advocates of detente, Brezhnev-style, commonly denied that Soviet policy envisaged winning a nuclear war.

Can't resist sending this, which a Washington  
journalist just dug up...

A quote from Robert Conquest in 1968, in <sup>U.S.</sup> Senate Document on  
Negotiation, page 73.

"...the USSR is, in principle, in the classic pre-revolutionary situation foreseen by Marx-- of an obsolete political integument holding in all the living social, intellectual and economic forces. The recourse of the present rulers is further to strengthen the integument, rather than to understand and come to terms with the vital forces involved. In the short term, we cannot say what will happen. In the long term the policy cannot work."