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Dear Matt,

The Henry L. Stimson Center has received a grant from the Ford Foundation to analyze executive-congressional relations and the treaty ratification process. No-one has ever compared and contrasted past ratification efforts, despite the obvious utility of doing so. We have therefore commissioned seven case studies of previous arms control agreements (the Treaty of Versailles, Washington Naval Treaties, Geneva Protocol, Limited Test Ban Treaty, ABM Treaty, SALT II, and the INF Treaty) and have asked each of our authors to ask the same set the questions of his or her material. We hope that the use of this "focused comparison" method will help clarify common themes and lessons learned, despite the uniqueness of each case.

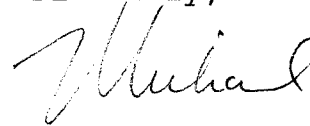
In mid-January, we will host a two day conference at the Smithsonian to unveil our findings and to explore this topic more fully. The conference will be co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center. Given the timeliness of the conference, we hope to draw prominent figures from the executive and legislative branches to deliver luncheon addresses and to participate in various panels.

We are now in the process of receiving the first drafts of our case studies. The Ford Foundation has suggested that each first draft be read by two reviewers, and has provided modest funding for this purpose. The job of reviewers would be to see if the author has adequately addressed the questions posed and has presented a balanced picture of the ratification process despite space constraints -- 50-75 double-spaced pages. For this work, reviewers will be offered \$150 and ring-side seats for all events at our conference.

Do you have the time and inclination to review Rodney McElroy's case study of the Geneva Protocol? Your written comments (perhaps five pages in length) would be most useful to the author if received by the end of October.

Please let me know if you are able to participate as a reviewer in the treaty ratification project. If so, I will send you a copy of the case study and the questions each author has been asked to address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Krepon".

Michael Krepon