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July 31, 2009

Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr.
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Dear Ambassador Graham:

I invite you to speak at a one-day Presidential Library Conference on the *Presidency in the Nuclear Age* at the John F. Kennedy Library on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2009. This conference aims to provide a historical backdrop to the development of nuclear arms and to chronicle the efforts of recent Presidents to stem the proliferation of these weapons. Having been involved in the negotiation of nearly every major international arms control and non-proliferation agreement, your perspective would be invaluable. Ken Adelman, Stephen Bosworth, Queen Noor, Richard Rhodes and Ted Sorensen have agreed to participate, and we are inviting other leading experts, scholars and politicians to speak on a variety of panels.

The conference will be the third in a series sponsored by all of the Presidential Libraries. The first conference, *Vietnam and the Presidency*, was held at the Kennedy Library and featured David Halberstam, Henry Kissinger, Chuck Hagel, and Wesley Clark among others. The second, *The Presidency and the Supreme Court*, was held at the Roosevelt Library with Sandra Day O'Connor delivering the keynote. Both of these conferences attracted capacity audiences and were replayed nationally on C-SPAN in prime time.

The *Presidency in the Nuclear Age* will explain how President Roosevelt's decision to develop an atomic bomb – and President Truman's decision to employ it – reshaped the nature of the American presidency, concentrating immense power in the hands of one individual. Other topics the conference will consider are the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, efforts to limit nuclear testing and arms production from the Nixon to Reagan presidencies, and presidential initiatives over the past two decades to stem nuclear proliferation. The details of the conference are still being worked out, but we hope you will be able to speak on an early afternoon panel entitled, *The Cold War and the Nuclear Arms Race*, with other prominent policy advisors.

Please feel free to be in touch with me at 617.514.1651 or at Tom.Putnam@nara.gov, or with Amy Macdonald, our forum producer, at 617.514.1645 or at Amy.Macdonald@nara.gov if you have any questions.



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As is evidenced by President Obama's recent trip to Russia and the turmoil in North Korea, the issue of nuclear disarmament remains a pivotal concern for our times.

We would be deeply honored to have you speak at the Kennedy Library at what I know will be an important and timely event. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Putnam", written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Putnam
Director