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Conclusion

In conclusion, let me urge you to do what you can in your own area of science teaching. We need to urge overall curriculum reform, as our State Education Association has recently done. At the same time we need to do all we can, in whatever way we can, in our own classrooms to overcome the "nuclear ignorance" I have been discussing. A first step toward ending the nuclear arms race and reducing the danger of nuclear war is giving people the understanding that will enable them to think realistically about nuclear weapons issues. I cannot think of any task for educators that is more urgent.

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