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Message sent by Khrushchev to the British Prime Minister, 5 August 1964
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Questions

1. What does this source reveal about the change in international relations?
2. What problems remain in the relationship between the east and the west?
3. How long after this message was written did Khrushchev remain as Soviet leader?



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Dear Prime Minister,

I thank you for your message on the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing in Moscow of the Treaty banning tests of nuclear weapons in three environments. I agree with you that this Treaty was a positive contribution to the task of improving the international situation. I also share your opinion that we still have to settle many international problems in order to move forward along the path of the further relaxation of international tension. I should like to underline in this connection that we could achieve this by means of strenuous joint efforts directed to solving the problem of general and complete disarmament and above all of drawing a line under the last war by achieving a German peace settlement.

I note with satisfaction your statement that the British Government intends to work towards the improvement of relations between our countries. As before, the Government of the U.S.S.R. for its part will exert itself to this end. If both our countries strive sincerely towards this aim, then I think one can look into the future with confidence and expect new positive results in relations between our states.

With respect,

N. Khrushchev