

Directions: : After reading the background information and examining the source, answer the questions below.

Background Information: *The Cold War was a period of political and military conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union, lasting from the end of World War II in 1945 until the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Canada, as a close ally of the United States was often drawn into Cold War events. .*

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I find on my return to Moscow a marked deterioration all along the line in relations between the Soviet Union and the two Anglo-Saxon powers. Much of this, no doubt, is the consequence of the elimination of Nazi power as a force keeping the major allies in harmony. There probably was bound to be a falling out of the victors over the spoils of war.

What is disturbing, however, is the growth of mistrust and suspicion. On the allied side much has transpired to make many doubt the intentions of the Soviet Union. On the Soviet side we find increasing accusations of obstruction by the United Kingdom in settling the problems of the Balkans and a feeling that other countries do not trouble to understand the Soviet point of view.

Out of this arises the old fear that the capitalist world is engaged in active intrigues against socialist Russia.

Finally, and what is most disturbing of all, there has been a resumption of that pre-war game usually described as the "war of nerves." Rumours are now current in Moscow of the massing of Soviet troops on the Turkish and Iranian borders. Foreigners are speculating about the refusal of permits to leave Moscow enforced for several days past. It is this irresponsible readiness to play with fire that makes one uneasy about the realities of a world conflagration.

Source: Wilgriss, Dana (Canadian ambassador to the USSR). Moscow to Ottawa, 25 September 1945, no. 368. Record Group 25, series 2-AE(S), vol. 1. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Matter of course:

Self-Determination:
Distraction / Change

Well-Wooded: *Heavily forested / Covered in trees*

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Your Task: Examine the inferences below and return to the text. Which inference is best supported by the source?

Inferences	
Person 1:	The author is suggesting that nuclear war between the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States is imminent, or close to occurring.
Person 2:	The author is suggesting that the relationship between the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America is cooling.

Multiple Choice: Which inference is most plausible?

- a) Person 1's inference is most plausible
- b) Person 2's inference is most plausible
- c) Both Person 1 and Person 2's inferences are equally plausible
- d) Neither inference is plausible

Short Answer Response: Explain your reasoning below.