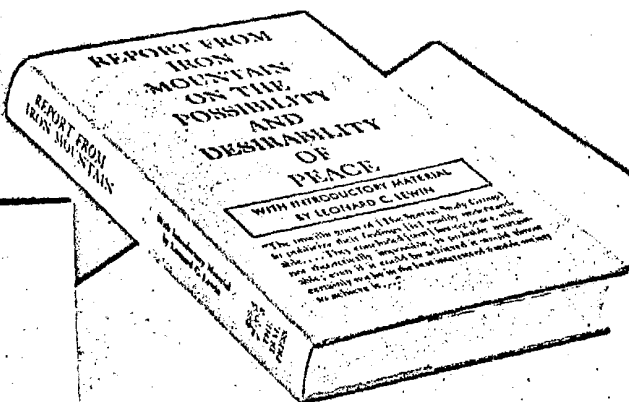


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"It is uncertain, at this time, whether peace will ever be possible. It is far more questionable... that it would be desirable."

"'John Doe', as I will call him for reasons that will be made clear, is a professor at a large university in the Middle West... Early in August of 1963, he [responded to a call from Washington] to serve on a commission 'of the highest importance.' Its objective was to determine, accurately and realistically, the nature of the problems that would confront the United States if and when a condition of 'permanent peace' should arrive, and to draft a program for dealing with this contingency...

"It met [initially at Iron Mountain, New York] and worked regularly for over two and a half years, after which it produced a Report. It was this document, and what to do about it, that Doe wanted to talk to me about...

"The report, he said, had been suppressed - both by the Special Study Group itself and by the government inter-agency committee to which it had been submitted. After months of agonizing, Doe had decided that he would no longer be party to its being kept secret...

"... the unwillingness of Doe's associates to publicize their findings [is] readily understandable... they concluded [that] lasting peace, while not theoretically impossible, is probably unattainable; even if it could be achieved it would almost certainly not be in the best interests of a stable society to achieve it..." -from the Foreword by Leonard C. Lewin.

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