

# Nukes

But if in the end the expectations were confounded and truly vital interests were indeed about to be overborne by non-nuclear means—  
—heavy CW or BW attack, say, or trade strangulation—  
the idea that a nuclear power would let itself be overwhelmed simply because of an NFU promise is simply absurd.

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**CW = chemical weapons**

**BW = biological weapons**

**NFU = no first use, usually of nukes**