

**1969****Undated, unsigned handwritten note, presumably  
from Minister Yigal Allon to Minister without  
Portfolio Israel Galili****Citation:**

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**Summary:**

This handwritten note, presumably from Minister Yigal Allon, most likely circa 1969-1970, demonstrates how Israel adopted the NPT's nuclear test criteria for its own purposes, allowing the Israeli leadership to maintain that Israel was not a nuclear state. Allon's adoption of the NPT's nuclear test criteria mirrored Israel's official language at the time when discussing the issue with state department officials.

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Yisrael, I keep using the agreed term with Kissinger, that Israel is not a nuclear state. This definition stems from the agreement against proliferation of nuclear weapons. According to this agreement, a nuclear state is a state which has exploded a bomb or a device.