

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 20, 1955



My dear Commissioner Murray:

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At the direction of the President your views regarding a moratorium on the testing of large thermonuclear weapons, as set forth in your letter to the President of March 14, 1955, have been fully considered by the agencies concerned, and the consensus is that it would not be to our interest to make such a proposal at this time.

The President has asked me to advise you that he has approved the above-mentioned consensus of agency views. The President has, however, directed me to forward your proposal to Governor Stassen, Special Assistant to the President on Disarmament, for his further consideration in connection with his current disarmament studies.

The President has expressed his appreciation of the deep concern for the peace of the world that has moved you to bring your proposal to his attention. He has directed me to assure you that he will not cease to explore all ways and means which offer a path to the end of the threat of atomic destruction.

Very truly yours,

ELWOOD S. RICHARDS
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable Thomas E. Murray
Commissioner
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington

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