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Congress of the United States  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY

JAMES T. RAMEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 27, 1956

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Atomic Energy Act of 1954

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Dear Mr. President:

By direction of the unanimous vote of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, I am directed to write this communication to you.

The members of the Joint Committee are seriously disturbed by the interpretation which has been given by the Attorney General to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 through which certain aspects of the Agreements for Cooperation

The Joint Committee is of the opinion that, although the opinion of the Attorney General may have been predicated upon a strict and literal legal interpretation of the Act of 1954, the opinion is not in conformance with the purposes and intent of the Joint Committee nor of the Congress when the Act was adopted.

An explanation of the reasons for the Joint Committee's attitude is too extensive to be included in this letter. Suffice it to say the Joint Committee has given considerable and serious consideration to it.

It is the unanimous judgment and recommendation of the Joint Committee that implementation of the Agreements for Cooperation to which reference is made be suspended until an opportunity is given to the Joint Committee and the Congress for further consideration of the problems involved.

It is further the unanimous judgment of the Joint Committee that no additional Agreements for Cooperation with any other nation be negotiated

The President  
The White House

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The President

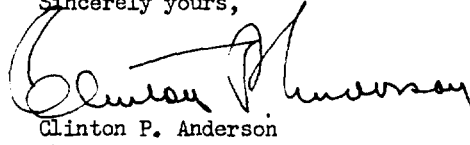
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It should be noted that the concern of the Joint Committee does not extend to the exchange of restricted data with respect to the "package power" reactor design which has immediate applications for other than military purposes.

The Joint Committee recognizes that this situation arises from honest differences of opinion with respect to the interpretation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and that the negotiations of the Agreements for Cooperation were carried on in good faith under a valid legal opinion of the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,



Clinton P. Anderson  
Chairman

cc: State Department  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Department of Defense  
Attorney General



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