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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Increase in Allowance of Fissionable Material for Expenditure in Operation UPSECT-KNOTHOLE

REFERENCE: Memo for Secretaries of State and Defense from Executive Secretary, WCC, same subject, dated May 19, 1953

The Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense have concurred in the recommendation contained in the last paragraph of the enclosure to the reference memorandum. The Secretary of Defense, in concurring, commented:

"I note that the Atomic Energy Commission feels that this action will probably obviate the necessity for Operation WYNDY in the fall of 1953 as now planned. This has been the primary factor in my support of the proposal."

Accordingly, the above mentioned recommendation was submitted to the President for his consideration.

The President has this date approved the increased expenditure of fissionable material and the conduct of the test as recommended in the enclosure to the reference memorandum. The President in approving, however, stated that he thought that the responsible officials should have brought this query up for consideration at a much earlier date.

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JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

cc: Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense

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