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October 15, 1952

#### ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

# ACTION ON THE NSC DIRECTIVE CONCERNING PUBLIC REPORTING ON THE IVY SERIES

### Note by the Secretary

The attached report by the Director of Information

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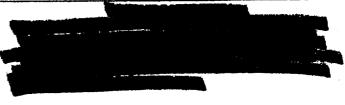
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# Report by the Director of Information Services

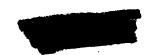
- 1. In the press of other business it was impossible for the Commission to consider AEC 483/20 during the week of September 22. It being clear that the Commission wished to follow the provisions of the NSC Directive of September 17, and that the dispatch of the necessary instructional and information notices should not wait for another week, the Chairman endorsed the sending forward of such notices by the General Manager, the Director of Military Application and the Director of Information Services.
- 2. There are attached copies of the communications which have been forwarded.
- 3. This concludes the necessary notifications on the NSC Directive.

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### APPENDIX "A"

UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 30, 1952

Mr. James S. Lay, Jr. Executive Secretary National Security Council Executive Office of the President Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lay:

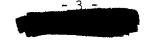
Following receipt of your letter of September 17 on "Psychological Exploitation of Certain Thermonuclear Developmenthe Commission has instructed the staff to act in accordance with the decisions of the Psychological Strategy Board transmitted by the letter. We are enclosing a copy of the General Manger's instruction to the staff members affected.

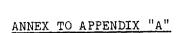
Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERCY COMMISSION

Gordon Dean Chairman

Enclosure General Manager's Instruction





#### UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

September 25, 1952

#### MEMORANDUM

TO

Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields, Director, Division of Military Application

Morse Salisbury, Director Division of Information Services

FROM

SUBJECT:

: M. W. Boyer, General Manager

COMPLIANCE WITH NSC REQUEST ON PUBLIC REPORTING OF

1. The Commission has received from the National Securi Council endorsement of the decision of the Psychological Stra Board concerning public statements on IVY, and request for ou appropriate action in this connection. You have the letter in the text of AEC 483/20.

2. You are requested to take the necessary action for t Atomic Energy Commission, conveying the instructions to the supervisors and the operating officers of Joint Task Force 13 and to the Public Information Service and the Santa Fe Operat Office of the AEC.







UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 26, 1952

#### MEMORANDUM

TO : Those Listed Below

FROM : Morse Salisbury, Director

Division of Information Services

SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH NSC REQUEST ON PUBLIC REPORTING OF

IVY

We have now received the NSC endorsement of the PSB decisions on public reporting in connection with IVY, and the mission has instructed staff to act in accordance with these decisions. General Fields has sent the text of the NSC letter to General Clarkson and Mr. Tyler, requesting that JTF 132 and AEG follow a line of information operations which will comply with the decisions, and stating that I will give you a word on the matter.

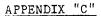
The word is brief: Our compliance will follow the course stated in my memorandum to you of September 17.\* For your reference I am providing along with this a copy of the NSC communication.

Enclosure

#### Addressees

Chief, Public Information Services Public Information Officer, JTF-132 Director of Information, Santa Fe Operations Office

<sup>\*</sup>Secretariat Note: Circulated as Appendix "B" to AEC 483/20.



UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 26, 1952

Mr. Andrew H. Berding Director, Office of Public Information Department of Defense Room 2E-800 The Pentagon Washington 25, D. C.

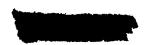
Dear Andy:

Doubtless you have seen the NSC directive of September on public reporting in connection with the autumn test series we have taken action on it at the direction of the Commission sending notice to JTF-132 (insofar as it acts as agent for the AEC) and to our own public information offices that are involute menclosing our file of communications for your information would appreciate copies of the instructions you get out to the services and commands from the DOD side.

I might say that prompt action on this seems indicated, since we have just had a proposed joint DOD-AEC release from the Albuquerque area scientists and officers attending the te We are turning it down from the AEC side, of course. There w be more such proposals unless we send around the word of the directive.

Sincerely yours,

Morse Salisbury, Director Division of Information Services





UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 26, 1952

Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Santa Fe Operations Office P. O. Box 5400 Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Tyler:

The Commission has received now an NSC directive under the title "Psychological Exploitation of Certain Thermonuclear Developments," which sets up a strictly limited program of public reporting on Operation IVY. I am enclosing the text of the NSC letter.

The General Manager has instructed us to act in accordar with the directive and this will, of course, govern the public reporting by Santa Fe Operations and Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory on this occasion. The Director of Information Services has already forwarded to your public information direct and the public information officer of Joint Task Force 132 an informal instruction on compliance with the recommendations of the Psychological Strategy Board. He will also give the same men an advisory on compliance with the NSC directive which will of course, be the same as the previous instruction on the PSB recommendations.

The program calls for no public statement from now on until the end of the scries, a brief statement then and no preconference.

Sincerely yours,

K. E. Fields Brigadier General, USA Director of Military Application



## APPENDIX "E"

UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 26, 1952

Major General P. W. Clarkson, USA Commander, JTF-132 12th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Clarkson:

Earlier you were acquainted by Morse Salisbury with the preliminary conclusions of a panel of the Psychological Strate Board which affect the public reporting of Operation IVY. The Psychological Strategy Board has now acted on the Panel's recomendations, and we have received their decisions for appropriation in a communication from the National Security Council. I am attaching a copy of the NSC communication and of the fine report of the Panel.

The Commission has approved our action in accordance wi the PSB decisions, and the Department of Defense approved the decisions through its membership in the PSB. You are request in the public information operations of JTF-132 to act in acc dance with these decisions. This of course does not affect the authority to take proper action in emergency situations a outlined in the next to final paragraph of the Commission's letter to you of August 20.

The Director of Information Services is forwarding to t Public Information Officer of the Task Force and to the conce information staffs in the AEC an advisory on compliance with NSC directive.

Sincerely yours,

K. E. Fields Brigadier General, USA Director of Military Application

