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3. Influence on Atomic Energy Program of Presidential Announcement
Concerning the Recent Atomic Explosion in Russia

The following Atomic Energy programs which may be affected in various degrees by the atomic explosion in Russia were discussed:

B. d. Tests of Atomic Weapons. Mr. Lilienthal stated his understanding that there is no feeling within the Department of Defense that the bomb testing operations now scheduled for 1951 should be advanced to sometime in 1950. General Nichols considered that it would be impossible to rush a new weapon to completion but there is now, in his opinion, a greater need for a purely military test. He added that such a test could well be made of the Fox weapon for the purpose of proving a weapon presently in stockpile, and could possibly include a test of a penetrating weapon for the purpose of determining the effect of an underground burst.

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