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11. Public Announcement Concerning Operation SANDSTONE

The Chairman reported that after further consultation with the National Military Establishment on April 15, 1948, during which the representatives of the military establishment expressed the opinion that security might be hampered if a release were made prior to completion of all tests but recognized that it would not be uncooperative of the Commission to release a statement, the Commission approved a public announcement to be made after 12:00 noon on April 19, 1948. On April 17, the Director of Public and Technical Information Service sent a copy of the approved release to the Military Establishment through the Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee. On the same day, Secretary of the Army Royall dispatched a letter to the Chairman of the Commission recording the understanding reached on April 15. A reply was dispatched by Mr. Waymack on April 19, 1948, reiterating the Commission's feeling that issuance of a brief statement would contribute to the best interests of national security. (The exchange of letters was subsequently circulated as AEC 9/7.)

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