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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lilienthal  
 Mr. Bacher  
 Mr. Pike  
 Mr. Strauss  
 Mr. Waymack

FROM: C. A. Keller, Declassification Officer, Oak Ridge *CK*

SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT J. C. S. EVALUATION BOARD FOR OPERATION  
 CROSSROADS.

1. I can see no objection to release of the J.C.S. Evaluation Report provided that deletions recommended by Colonel K. E. Fields in his memorandum of August 4, 1947 are made, in addition to the previously re-lined deletions in copy no. 1 of series A of this Report.

2. In addition I strongly urge the complete deletion of paragraph 3 on page 19, which refers to the base surge from the BAKER bomb. It is noted that this paragraph contains a reference to Annex H which is not with this copy of the Report. The deletion is recommended, however, because the information referred to herein is covered by the Declassification Guide and should not be released.

3. The information dealing with speed and radius of base surge, the area of contamination as well as other time and distance factors contained in the Report would not be releasable under the Guide, but there is no objection from the declassification standpoint to the release of this information if the data are determined to have no military significance. The suggestion by Colonel Fields that this determination be made by the Armed Forces would satisfy declassification. The following data are in this category:

page 24, para. 14--range figures.

page 26, para 18(2)e--speed of base surge.

page 30, para. 10, last sentence--reference to altitude of burst.

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page 30, para. 13--range, speed and area data.

4. Any appendices or annexed material to be released with the Report should be reviewed prior to such release. Care should be taken to see that no references are made to any appendices or annexes which will not be released.

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