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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Now that the operational phase of the test has begun, it is considered advisable to outline our concept as to how the observer problem should be treated.

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Because of the complexities of the test program and because of the limited facilities for accommodating personnel at the test site, housing, meals and costs incident thereto, we propose that no unclassified observers be invited to attend. To avoid a program for such observers to the extensive responsibilities of the test program, command would be desirable, an added burden that would offer few tangible benefits and might jeopardize the efficiency of the operation.

We recognize that certain key government officials and others having a direct interest in and responsibility for the atomic program will have a genuine need to witness the tests. Accordingly, the Atomic Energy Commission considers that the Commander, Joint Task Force, even should be instructed to make provisions for housing and otherwise caring for limited numbers of personnel within the scope of the test.

Although it is realized that no strict limitation can be imposed, it is believed that approximately twenty spaces should be divided between the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission for each test which will provide a realistic basis for proceeding with detailed planning. Individuals invited to witness a test should be accorded the normal courtesies according to their position and would receive information on aspects of the operation of particular interest to them on a "need to know" basis.

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It is our belief that invitations should be extended to specific individuals and should be couched in such terms as to leave no doubt that the invited person is not at liberty to designate an alternate in his place.

Your concurrence in the plan outlined above is requested.

Sincerely yours,

Levie L. Trause
Chairman

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