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MEMORANDUM FOR

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The Commission has examined the draft paper carrying the proposed Panel "L" report. Members of the Commission concluded that the facts of research on controlled thermonuclear reactions should not be declassified and referred to in connection with announcements regarding the IVY series. The reasoning was that the time and the scope of possible application of such reactions, assuming they could be achieved was so nebulous that we would be opening the United States to ridicule and effective counter propaganda by associating the announcement of such studies with announcement of weapons experiments. There was further reluctance to bring the fact of such studies out into the open until there has been an opportunity to assess the findings of the more vigorous research program currently underway as reported to the Panel by Dr. Johnson.

The Commission also concluded that, under certain conditions, which you will understand from your conversation with the Chairman, it would be advantageous to issue within the next few days an

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