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Mr. Gordon R. Arneson
Special Assistant to the Undersecretary
U.S. Department of State
State Department Building, Rm. 7258
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Arneson:

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission to the President forwarded to the White House on July 28, 1950.

This is in accordance with my conversation of last week with Mr. Chase of your office and is based on the reasons I outlined to him that (1) the picture would be a useful news peg for the promoters of the "peace petition," (2) could be distorted in a manner useful in the general USSR propoganda, and (3) release at this particular time might be objectionable in relation to current test plans.

The Commission was advised of the informal concurrence of the Department of State in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. Trapnell
Associate Director
Public and Technical Information Service

Attachment

cc: Secretariat ✓

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