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MEMORANDUM

To: Brig. General John K. Gerhart, USAF  
Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Three

Thru: Col. George F. Schlatter  
Division of Military Application

From: Edward R. Trapnell, Associate Director  
Public and Technical Information Service

Subject: Public Release of Film OPERATION SANDSTONE

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 our conversations of last week and is based on the reasons I outlined 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 propaganda, 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 Commander, Joint Task Force Three in this matter.

Attachment

cc: Secretariat

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