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CLASSIFICATION OF TIMES AND DATES OF SANDSTONE TESTS

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Mr. Lilienthal, in reading ABC 12/2 which contains a preliminary evaluation of long range detection methods in operations during SANDSTONE, raised the question as to why times and dates of explosion were classified as "Secret".

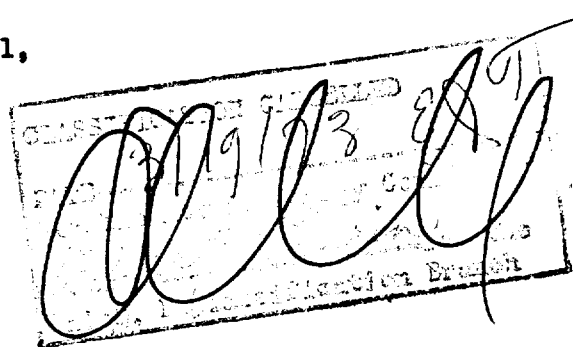
Attached is a memorandum setting forth certain facts.

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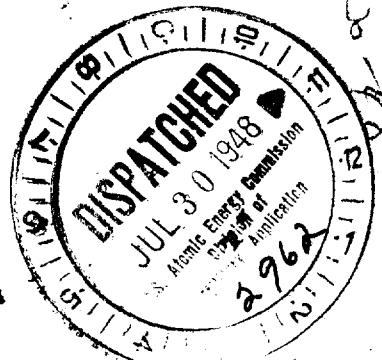
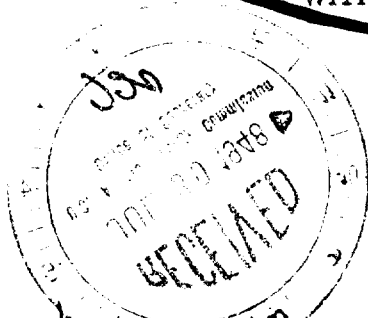


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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Lilienthal

SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION OF TIMES AND DATES
OF SANDSTONE TESTS

In reply to your inquiry as to why the classification of times and dates of SANDSTONE tests are classified "Secret", the following is submitted.

Since the completion of the tests, the Commission has had no requirement for the safeguarding of times and dates. All such classification has been designated by the FITZWILLIAM group of the Air Force. We are now advised that the Air Force is taking action to declassify general times of the day and specific dates. The exact hour and minute of the detonations will remain "Top Secret" to protect information as to the effectiveness of FITZWILLIAM techniques.

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