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MEMORANDUM FOR The Chairman, Military Liaison Committee

Subject:

PLANNING FOR FUTURE TESTS OF ATOMIC WEAPONS

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Reference is made to the attached draft Military Liaison Committee memorandum for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated March 1, 1949, which was presented to the Commission for comment in the MLC-AEC meeting of March 1, 1949.

The President has not been advised of our proposed plan to conduct tests in 1951. The Commission intends to inform him of its plan in the very near future and you will be notified when he has been so informed. It is recommended therefore that any communication to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this subject be delayed until the President has been informed of the project.

The Commission is in general accord with the principles expressed in your proposed memorandum with the exception of paragraph 2. The Commission is forwarding its views on the location of the test site separately.

With respect to paragraph 6a, Dr. Alvin C. Graves is being designated the Scientific Director for the next series of tests. The Commission does not believe now that it will be necessary to establish a position comparable to that of the Test Director for Operation SANDSTONE. With suitable AEC representation on his staff, it is contemplated that Dr. Graves, the Scientific Director, will be designated by the Commission as its representative to the Task Force Commander.

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