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ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM  
AND CANADA OF U. S. ATOMIC TESTS

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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 23, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. R. Gordon Arneson  
Department of State

SUBJECT: ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND  
CANADA OF U.S. ATOMIC TESTS

I refer to your memorandum of October 13, 1952, concerning the proposal that the U.K. be notified in advance for the forthcoming IVY test.

It is the understanding of the Commission that the Department of Defense has concurred in this proposal.

I am authorized to inform you that the Commission concurs in this proposal with the suggestion that the U.K. could be informed in the near future that the IVY test is planned for the early part of November.

John A. Hall

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. John A. Hall  
Atomic Energy Commission.

SUBJECT: Advance Notification to the United Kingdom and  
Canada of U.S. Atomic Tests.

REFERENCES: Memorandum from R. Gordon Arneson to John Hall,  
March 13, 1951;  
Memorandum from John Hall to R. Gordon Arneson,  
March 23, 1951;  
Memorandum from R. Gordon Arneson to John Hall,  
October 11, 1951;  
Memorandum from John Hall to R. Gordon Arneson,  
October 15, 1951.

As will be noted from the referenced memoranda, it has been the practice in the past to notify the United Kingdom and Canada of forthcoming United States atomic tests. This pattern was formally established for the GREENHOUSE and BUSTER-JANGLE series and was followed in the TUMBLER-SNAPPER series. At the suggestion of the Atomic Energy Commission, the procedure followed was oral notification shortly before each individual shot.

The United Kingdom reciprocated with similar notification of their recent test in Australia.

In view of the above, it is proposed that a similar pattern of oral notification be followed for the forthcoming IVY test unless you perceive objection. Your comments are requested.

I am sending a similar memorandum to the Department of Defense.

/s/

R. Gordon Arneson

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