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PRESS RELEASE ON OPERATION GREENHOUSE

Note by the Secretary

1. On March 5, 1951, the Associate Director, Division of Information Services, submitted for the approval of the Commissioners and the General Manager a draft press release on Operation GREENHOUSE. On March 8, subsequent to Commission approval of the draft release, it was submitted for the approval of the Special Committee of the National Security Council on Atomic Energy.

2. Attached for the information of the Commission is a memorandum from the Executive Secretary of the NSC advising of approval of the release by the Special Committee on March 14, 1951, and by the President on March 17, 1951. Also attached is a letter to the Executive Director, The American Institute of Architects, attaching a copy of the release prior to issuance.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: Proposed Press Release
on Operation GREENHOUSE

REFERENCE: Memo for Secretaries of State and Defense
from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject,
dated March 9, 1951

Pursuant to approval as of March 14 by the Secretaries of State and Defense of the recommendation by the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, contained in the reference memorandum, the proposed press release attached thereto was submitted to the President for consideration.

The President, on March 17, 1951, approved the proposed press release attached to the reference memorandum for issuance by the Atomic Energy Commission at the earliest practicable date.

/s/ James S. Lay, Jr.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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A major project is being carried out to supplement data obtained from other atomic blasts. The instrumentation been arranged specifically to provide data for the development of adequate design criteria of interest to architects.

I am sorry that I cannot give you more information this time, but want to assure you that this problem has given careful attention in planning the test program, and every effort will be made to make the information available to the Civil Defense Administration as rapidly as possible in its analysis.

Because of the wide interest in this work, the Commission is issuing the attached press release relative to the test.

Sincerely yours,

M. W. Boyer
General Manager

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Information as to the composition, movement or operations of the Task Force is authorized for public release at this time.