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MEMORANDUM for Captain James S. Russell, USN
 AEC Test Director
 Operation SANDSTONE

The venture in which you and your organization are engaged is one of great complexity and incalculable importance to this country.

The Commission wants you to know of our admiration for the efficient and unostentatious, though vigorous, way in which the work of preparation has been conducted.

We believe that there must be very few officers of any rank in the military establishment who are at this time carrying as great a responsibility as yourself.

Our wishes for best success go with you.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee with the request that, when these tests have been announced publicly, this communication be declassified and forwarded to the Navy Department to become a part of your personal record.

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David W. Lilienthal
 Chairman

cc: Chairman, Military Liaison Committee

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