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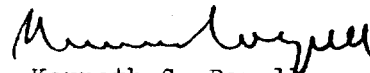
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LILIENTHAL, CHAIRMAN
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Statement of U. S. Atomic Energy Commission on Proving
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This is to acknowledge your letter advising of your release of a statement to Washington correspondents for the public after 12:00 Noon, Eastern Standard Time, Monday, April 19.

Confirming the conversation that I had with you, Mr. Waymack and D. F. Carpenter on this subject on 15 April, we recognize that you are within your legal authority to release such a statement, and our only basis to interpose an objection would be in the event we believe such action would be detrimental to the national security. I advised you at that time that although it is difficult to determine wherein the best interests of security may lie, still it is the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that security might be hampered if such a release should be made prior to the completion of all tests. I advised that I concurred in their views, but that if the Commission felt that they wished to make such a release, the Military Establishment did not believe that this matter was of sufficiently critical importance to warrant a firm recommendation to the President that such action should not be taken.

In view of your action in making this release, I wish to make this conversation a matter of record, and furthermore, record our understanding that in taking this action you would not cause any breach in our mutually cooperative relationship.


Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary

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