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The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with your request at the March 11 meeting of the National Security Council, we have considered what major revisions in the Atomic Energy Act appear to be appropriate at this time. The attached statement briefly summarizes the proposed revisions.

We feel that the possibility of general security legislation of uniform applicability to all agencies and all national secrets should be seriously considered in the over-all re-examination of the nation's security laws which has been initiated as a result of your correspondence of last July with the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. If such general legislation were achieved, the problems necessitating our proposals for legislation modifying the information control provisions of the Atomic Energy Act might be satisfactorily resolved.

The proposals summarized in the attached statement, along with appropriate draft legislation, are being transmitted to the Bureau of the Budget, together with other more minor proposals for legislation, as the Commission's legislative program for 1954, in accordance with the usual practice.

Our staff is now considering whether amendment of the Atomic Energy Act is necessary in connection with the thermonuclear program. It is possible that we shall have a recommendation for additional legislation on this subject in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

Lewis L. Strauss



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Chairman

Enclosure:

Statement on Proposed Changes
in the Atomic Energy Act

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