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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HERBERT B. LOPEZ
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

Subject: Declassification of Argus Experiment

Attached is a draft report designed for public release covering the scientific aspects of the Argus experiment. This was prepared by Dr. Van Allen and Dr. William Bradley. We would appreciate your informing this office as to whether the attached could be released on an unclassified basis. It would be of considerable importance to make a scientific release of this type by close of business Tuesday, March 24, prior to the Presidential press conference on Wednesday and would appreciate your assistance in advising us on security classification by close of business today or tomorrow morning at the latest.

Dr. Killian has given an earlier version of this release to Mr. Charles and has discussed it with him as well as Mr. McCame. A separate copy has been transmitted to the Division of Military Applications in AEC, Col. Stewart.

To assist your security coordination, I am attaching four copies of this draft with the request that you make one copy available as soon as possible to Dr. York.

You will note that pages 6 and 8 of the draft contain blanks where we did not have available the precise information. Your help in providing this information to complete the draft will facilitate the handling of this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or advise in any way that I can be of further assistance.

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David A. Beidler
Executive Officer

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