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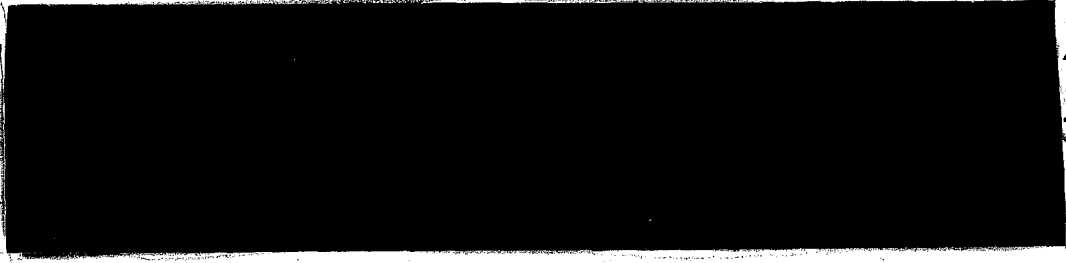
Memorandum for Mr. James S. Lay, Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

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Subject: APPROVAL FOR OPERATION IVY

- Reference:
- (a) Memorandum for the Special Committee of the National Security Council for Atomic Energy from the Atomic Energy Commission, same subject, dated August 15, 1952.
  - (b) Memorandum for the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission from the Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated September 10, 1952.

Reference (a) from the Atomic Energy Commission requested approval of the execution of the IVY test program and the expenditure of certain approximate amounts of fissionable materials. The Operation and the expenditure of the materials were approved by the President on September 10, 1952.



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From the standpoint both of the dollar costs of these fissionable materials and of their equivalent value for weapons fabrication, the increase of alloy is practically equally balanced by the decrease in plutonium. Accordingly it is the Commission's opinion that the amounts now considered necessary are within the Presidential authorization. We are proceeding on this basis.

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