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TO : EO - Mr. Staats

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FROM : IE - R. Hirsch *RH*
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SUBJECT: Supplementary Note re Item 24.b., Weekly Activity Report, April 16, 1957 -
"Screening of Nevada Test Film for Possible Overseas Showing"

1. A ten-minute film "H Hour Minus 10" depicting activities at the Nevada Test Site, including tests of civil and military equipment and structures, was viewed by the working group at the request of the Department of Defense member. A Defense representative explained that the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project was seeking to release the film for viewing over 22 TV Stations of the Armed Forces Radio and TV Network. He advised that substantial "foreign eavesdropping audiences could be expected, particularly in Western Europe" and that the purpose of the film was to dramatize the "Power for Peace" theme of Armed Forces Day, May 17.

2. In the discussion that followed, the working group noted that unless the audiences could be strictly confined to U.S. Service personnel, the film would be considered objectionable from the standpoint of impact on overseas audiences for the following reasons:

- a. Main emphasis in the film is on damage to civil structures-- not military.
- b. The film is deficient in terms of adequately expressing the U.S. Government position towards the conduct of nuclear tests, the importance of agreed effective safeguarded disarmament, and U.S. efforts in making the "Peaceful Atom" available for the benefit of mankind.

cc: Mr. Melbourne
Mr. Johnson

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