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MEMORANDUM TO

Mr. Charles L. Marshall, Director,
Division of Classification,
Atomic Energy Commission.

SUBJECT: Declassification of Documents Pertaining to Japanese
Fishing Incident of March 1, 1954

This in reference to your letter of February 13 and the documents
attached thereto pertaining to the Japanese Fishing Vessel incident of
March 1, 1954. You requested the Department's views on the possibility
of declassifying the subject documents.

" On the basis of our review, the Department perceives no objection
to declassifying documents 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8. The Department cannot,
however, concur in the declassification of the remaining documents in
question, i.e. numbers 2, 5, 9, 10, and 11. Each of these documents,
while containing much material already in the public domain, continue
to be sensitive in part and might, if disclosed have a harmful effect
on U.S. relations with Japan.

The Department would have no objections to Professor Eisenbud's
continuing to have access to these classified documents under the safe-
guards prescribed for the protection of classified materials. Any
material which Professor Eisenbud or others might prepare for publication
on the basis of these documents should, however, be submitted to the
Department for review and clearance prior to publication. There continues
to be considerable interest in Japan in the "Fukuryu Maru" incident,
and the leftist, opposition critics of U.S. policy are always ready to
exploit the anti-nuclear sentiments of the Japanese people. Publication
of materials reflecting U.S. official criticism of Japanese press,
Japanese scientists and Japanese scientific findings could significantly
impair the efforts of this government to bring the Japanese scientific
community to a better understanding of the United States and its policies.

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REVIEW DATE:	
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NAME:	
DETERMINATION (CITE STATUTES)	
1. CLASSIFICATION MAINTAINED	
2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:	
3. CONTAINS NO DOE CLASSIFIED INFO	
4. COORDINATE WITH:	
5. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED	
6. CLASSIFIED INFO BRACKETED	
7. OTHER (SPECIFY): <u>DOS memo</u>	

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