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I have considered most carefully your USDEL 36 and discussed today with OCB. We believe it impractical adopt your suggestion. With respect overseas series, there must be large-scale movement of supplies, contractor personnel, laboratory experts, ships and aircraft into area weeks before first detonation. This would give general recognition in departure areas and with press that tests were forthcoming. Pressures would mount for official announcement. Further of course it is necessary give notice mariners and airlines well in advance date of establishment danger area so they may arrange for necessary reroutings.

With respect tests in US, considerations are somewhat similar. There is large build-up in Nevada Test Site area several weeks in advance. The status of construction (for example—of towers) gives fairly good indication of when tests will start. It is impossible therefore prevent public from learning that test will start shortly and in this case again there would be very heavy pressure for official announcement. Here again also it is necessary give advance information surrounding areas in interest informing ranchers and graziers and in order conduct necessary pre-test public educational program.

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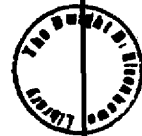
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FROM: LONDON

TO: Secretary of State

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FOR STRAUSS FROM STASSEN

USDEL DISARMAMENT NO. 70

1. APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR COMMENT LONDON 6816. NOTE ESPECIALLY FINAL PARAGRAPH THAT THERE WILL BE NO (REPEAT 0) ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS OF NEW SERIES AND DECISION CAN BE REVIEWED AT THAT TIME.

2. FOR YOUR FURTHER REFLECTION IN THE MEATIME AGREE THAT THERE WILL BE "GENERAL RECOGNITION IN DEPARTURE AREAS AND WITH PRESS THAT TESTS ARE FORTHCOMING". MY POINT IS THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORLD AGITATION IS LESS UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THAN IT IS FOLLWING AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING TESTS. THEREFORE THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE AT THE LATEST POSSIBLE DATE EVEN THOUGH THERE IS GENERAL RECOGNITION IN DEPARTURE AREAS.

3. RESISTING THE "PRESSURE FOR OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT" IN THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE A DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE NECESSITY OF RESISTING MONTHS OF HEAVY PRESSURE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO CALL OFF OR POSTPONE THE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED TESTS. THE CURRENT JAPANESE BRITISH SITUATION IS AN EXAMPLE.

4. THIS MORNING'S LONDON TIMES EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "THE ONUS IS ON THOSE WHO MAKE EXPLOSIONS TO SATISFY THE WORLD AT LARGE OF THEIR SAFETY".

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