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July 18, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: Policy on Stockpiling Very Large
Thermonuclear Weapons

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The President has referred the enclosed letter on the subject from Atomic Energy Commissioner Thomas E. Murray, dated July 3, 1956, to you as a special committee to make a study and recommendations thereon for consideration by the National Security Council pursuant to the President's letter of July 14, a copy of which is also enclosed.

It is suggested that, as an initial step, you each designate a representative to form a staff committee which, with the assistance of this office, will prepare a draft study and recommendations for your consideration.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

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