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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE:

Dec. 26, 1956

SUBJECT:

Nuclear Tests

PARTICIPANTS:

The President
Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State
Brigadier General Andrew J. Goodpaster, The White House
Mr. Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State

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The White House
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The President referred to 25 nuclear tests proposed by Admiral Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission starting May 1st, all of which were to take place in Nevada with no exceptions. He expressed some doubt as to the advisability of these tests. Practically all of these explosions would be small.

The Secretary said he saw no difficulty with tests contemplated for Nevada, mentioning that there recently has been tests inside the Soviet Union which had provoked little comment.

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