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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lillenthal
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FROM: Edward R. Trapnell *ERT*

SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT J. C. S. EVALUATION BOARD FOR OPERATION
 CROSSROADS.

1. Attached hereto are clearance memoranda on the J.C.S. Evaluation Board's final Report on Operation Crossroads from the Military Application Division and from the Declassification Officer at Oak Ridge.

2. Declassification and Military Application agree in their recommendations, in which they strongly urge that the portions of the Report marked therein and identified in memorandum from the Military Application Division be deleted for reasons of security.

3. Both Military Application and Declassification recommend that certain data relating to effects of the bomb may be released if the Armed Forces determine that these data have no military significance, even though such data are now covered by the Declassification Guide. It is recommended that the Joint Chiefs of Staff be advised that such data should be re-examined by J.C.S. to determine the military significance of the data, and upon such determination the Commission will remove the data from the restricted category.

4. Public release of the final Report of the J.C.S. Evaluation Board will have heavy impact. The effect of the conclusions and recommendations in Part 3 of the Report will of course be diluted by the press attention which will be given to paragraph 4 in the concluding observation on page 52. From an information and education standpoint the observations other than those relating directly to the tests might well be released separately.

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