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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT:

Psychological Exploitation of

Certain Thermonuclear Developments

REFERENCE:

Memo for Secretaries of State and Defense from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated November 10, 1952, enclosing memo from Chairman, AEC, to Executive Socretary, NSC,

dated November 7, 1952*

The Acting Secretary of State concurred in the draft announcement by the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, enclosed with the reference memorandum. The Secretary of Defense did not concur, but stated: "I continue to feel that any announcement at this time is unwise as it may make difficult appropriate investigation and punishment of breaches of security."

Accordingly, the views of the members of the Special Committee of the National Security Council on Atomic Energy regarding the proposed announcement have been submitted to the President for his consideration.

The President has this date approved the issuance by the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of the announcement as proposed in the reference memorandum.

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JAMES S. LAY, JR. Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of State The Secretary of Defense

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