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Dear Mr. President:

I would like to present my views on the question of observation at the forthcoming Pacific tests. Admiral Strauss has indicated that he sees no objection to my thus presenting personal views to you.

Last week a majority of the Commission voted against an uncleared observer program for the CASTLE tests but I understand that this matter is being referred to you because of its possible bearing on overall Government policy.

It seems to me that an invitation to the United Nations to send an observer to one of these tests would add strong impetus to your recent United Nations proposal under certain conditions to modify America's present course in atomic matters.

I understand that such observation could be arranged without divulging any restricted data.

Such an invitation would indicate the United States' ability to keep the initiative in this field, would demonstrate again the complete good faith of your December 8th proposal, and at very least would put the U.S.S.R. to psychological disadvantage if it was not prepared to match such an offer.

Respectfully yours,



*Thomas E. Murray*

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Commissioner

The President  
The White House

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