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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM For Mr. James S. Lay, Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

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Subject: INCREASE IN ALLOWANCE OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL  
FOR EXPENDITURE IN UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE.

On February 21, 1953, the President approved execution of  
Operation UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE and expenditure of the necessary  
fissionable material. Approval for expending additional  
fissionable material was obtained on April 14, 1953. The  
purpose of this letter is to request Presidential approval  
for further increasing the amount

The increase is required due to an Atomic Energy Commission  
decision to test an additional device in the current series.  
Successful testing of this device will probably obviate the  
necessity for the Atomic Energy Commission conducting Oper-  
ation DOMINO in the fall of 1953 as presently planned.

The Atomic Energy Commission, therefore, requests that the  
Special Committee of the National Security Council recommend  
to the President, approval of increasing the amount

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Chairman

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