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INFORMATION PLANS FOR REDWING TESTS

Herewith is transmitted a copy of the memorandum to Admiral Foster from Elmer Staats and the attached suggested changes in the joint AEC-DOD Operation REDWING Information Plan received from OCB via Dick Hirsch. You will recollect that I explained the effect of the suggested changes to you by phone and you agreed with me they were unobjectionable from the joint standpoint of AEC-DOD. It was explained to Dick Hirsch by Morse Salisbury and myself that the copies of the Information Plan for Operation REDWING and the plan for the special Observer Program were supplied to the OCB for information purposes but that we found the proposed changes unobjectionable and, if you concurred, would give them cognizance. We indicated, however, that the papers would not be resubmitted to the Commission for formal action on the suggested changes.

In line with the proposal for participation of State Department and USIA representatives in the Joint Office of Test Information for the series in advisory and consultant capacities, I have requested those agencies to name representatives for inclusion in the JOTI organization for the Operation REDWING series.

In view of the obvious interest of State and USIA in public information issuing from test activities and after consultation with you, I invited the two agencies also to supply advisors to the special JOTI which is handling the Observer Program. At this time neither has accepted this invitation, but USIA has indicated that it likely will send an observer to the series at a later date and would not be able to spare any person for the Observer project. On the other hand, State appears warmly interested in having a representative with the Observer Program, JOTI, providing it also can overcome a short manpower problem.

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Attachments:

1. cy memo 4/12 to Ad. P.F. Foster frm E. B. Staats
2. cy suggested changes in Information Plan

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