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General Thatcher said that the Secretary of Defense was 200 54 prepared to sign a letter on Department of Defense interest in developing thermonuclear weapons with various contaminating characteristics. This letter would state the Department of Defense position that more study on the question of developing both a reduced contamination weapon and an increased contamination weapon is needed before the Department would be in a position to state a development requirement, but that the Department is extremely interested in such weapons.

Mr. Murray said that he had hoped the Department of Defense interest would go beyond merely an expression of support for

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