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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The Special Committee of the National Security Council on Atomic Energy, consisting of the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has considered the proposal for admitting to the first shot of the spring 1953 weapons test series in Nevada, State and municipal civil defense directors and representatives of press, radio, and motion pictures, as outlined in the enclosed memorandum to Mr. Robert Cutler from the Atomic Energy Commission.

After consideration of this proposal, the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission stated that they favored the proposal for the "open" shot, while the Deputy Secretary of Defense stated his opposition to the proposal.

Accordingly, this difference in view is submitted herewith for your consideration.

S. EVERETT GLEASON
Acting Executive Secretary

APPROVED the views of State and AEC

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APPROVED the view of Defense

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