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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission ✓

SUBJECT: Psychological Exploitation of
Certain Thermonuclear Developments

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BY: [redacted] DATE: 4-3-95
P. T. GROVES, A.D. [redacted]

- REFERENCES:
- A. Memo for Secretaries of State and Defense and Chairman, AEC, from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated September 17, 1952
 - B. Memo for Secretaries of State and Defense from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated September 19, 1952.

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In accordance with the directive of the Special Committee of the National Security Council on Atomic Energy at its meeting on Thursday, October 9, 1952, your designated representatives have reviewed the PSB draft statements on the subject as set forth in the enclosure to Reference A.

The staff representatives recommend that you approve, for submission to the President, the decisions of the Psychological Strategy Board on the subject, as set forth in the enclosure to Reference A, subject to revision of the text of Appendix B thereof to read as follows:

"In recent days Joint Task Force 132, operating for the Department of Defense and the United States Atomic Energy Commission, has completed the first of a series of tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This detonation was one in our 1952 series which, like the 1951 series, looks toward further development of various types of weapons releasing the energy resulting from fission of heavy elements or fusion of light elements. The tests are being conducted under the full security restrictions of the Atomic Energy Act and no further facts on them will be issued."

It is requested that you indicate your action, as a member of the Special Committee of the National Security Council on Atomic Energy, with respect to the above decisions of the Psychological Strategy Board, as amended, by completing and returning, as a matter of urgency, the enclosed memorandum form.

[Redacted signature area]

S. Everett Gleason
S. EVERETT GLEASON
Acting Executive Secretary

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence
(without enclosure)

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