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Washington

Dear Chris:

The President, in approving NSC Action No. 2238-b(5) relating to the nuclear test negotiations, stated that on this matter he would want the advice of the Committee of Principals (consisting of the Secretary of State as chairman, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, with the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs as an adviser), consulting with the Press Secretary to the President and the Director, U. S. Information Agency.

At the same time, the President decided that he would designate the Committee of Principals, in addition to its present duties, as an advisory group to the President and the National Security Council on matters relating to U. S. policy on reduction and control of armaments. In these matters the President would want the committee also to consult with the Press Secretary and the Director, U. S. Information Agency, as appropriate.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to each of the participants in the Committee of Principals.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gordon Gray

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