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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James S. Lay, Executive Secretary, National Security Council

Dear Jimmy:

I return herewith the [redacted]

In my opinion the gut of this proposal was covered in the President's speech in April 1953 and therefore what is left amounts to detailed proposals for follow-up action on that speech. Most of these are either out of date in the sense that it depended on prompt action following the speech or are today infeasible because of the degeneration in US-Soviet relations that has occurred over the past twelve months.

Therefore suggest that, while [redacted] document may be useful for consultation from time to time, the problem of disarmament should be approached more from the technical side than from the public relations side for the time being. To be specific, I think maximum effort should be given to following up the suggestion of the President that we may have to settle for atomic disarmament without contemporaneous conventional disarmament.

Finally, I have discussed [redacted] with some of my university colleagues, all of whom warned me that he was pretty rigid in his approach to problems and apt to be extremely wed to any proposition he had put down in writing. I would therefore urge you not to enlist his services as a formal consultant to the NSC mechanism.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director/Intelligence

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