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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STANDING GROUP MEETING
February 2, 1962

RECORD OF ACTIONS

Item 1 - Dispersal of Nuclear Weapons
(AEC Chairman Seaborg was present for this item)

- (a) Agreed that the State and Defense Departments would promptly prepare a joint letter to the President containing recommendations as to the further dispersal of nuclear warheads and nuclear weapons systems to non-U.S. forces in the NATO area.
- (b) Noted that the Atomic Energy Commission, on the basis of the State-Defense letter, would present its views as to the recommended dispersals.

Item 2 - Announcement of Soviet Underground Nuclear Test

- (a) Discussed and revised a draft text for consideration by the President announcing that the Soviets had apparently conducted a nuclear detonation underground a few hours earlier.
- (b) Agreed that guidance on the Soviet test be sent promptly to our missions in the field.

DOE review completed.

cc: Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Mr. George McGhee
Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Roswell Gilpatric
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs,
Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Executive Secretary, National Security Council, Mr. Bromley Smith

NSC review(s) completed.

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