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The Honorable McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

DOE review completed.

Attention: Mr. Charles Johnson

Dear Mr. Bundy:

In response to the query of Mr. Bromley Smith, it is our opinion that publication of the AEC proposed draft on Atmospheric Tests as an Annex to the AEC Annual Report can have no significant effect on Soviet knowledge of the nuclear weapons systems of the U. S. Much of the general information included was published piecemeal at the time of the tests. There is likewise no problem as regards the Director's statutory responsibilities for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

Thank you very much for bringing this matter to our attention.

Faithfully yours,

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Acting Director

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cc: Mr. Dwight A. Ink  
Assistant General Manager  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

White House

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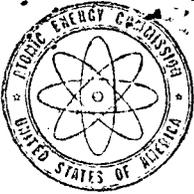
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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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December 11, 1963

Mr. McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House

Attention: Charles Johnson

Dear Mr. Bundy:

We propose to include the attached information about the results of the Dominic series of atmospheric weapons tests as an appendix to our Annual Report. As you know, we had considered issuing the Dominic Report as a separate public announcement earlier this year and cleared the text with appropriate Government agencies. However, release was deferred at that time.

You will recall that we made several commitments after the Dominic series that a public statement of some type would be made at a later date. In view of the passage of time and the testimony related to the Test Ban Treaty, the need for release of this information is probably not as great as it once was, but we still believe it desirable to place this evaluation in the public record. The issuance of our Annual Report the last week in January appears to us as being an appropriate vehicle, and about the latest timing that would be reasonable for events that took place in 1962.

By placing the attached as an appendix to our Annual Report, the final decision to publish it can, if there is need, be delayed until January 14 to make sure that nothing is developing that would affect the desirability of publishing it.

Our Division of Public Information is coordinating on the foregoing with State, DOD, ACDA, USIA, as well as Salinger's office. Please let me know if the above presents any problem from your standpoint.

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Sincerely yours,

Dwight A. Inge  
Assistant General Manager

Enclosure:  
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Results of Operation Dominic

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*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Executive Director

DATE: 19 December 1963

FROM :  DD/I Executive Staff

SUBJECT:

The attached papers were given to Mr. Chester Cooper at the White House this morning by Mr. Bromley Smith, who requested an Agency evaluation by 20 December. The Agency is requested to judge whether public release of a review of the U.S. atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in Nov 1962 would aid Soviet knowledge of U.S. nuclear weapons capabilities.

In order to save time we have passed a copy of the paper to OSI for preparation of the Agency assessment.

Do you or the Acting DCI wish to transmit the response or is it sufficient for it to be passed back by Mr. Cline?

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Cooper

would you think  
this paper would be  
of any help to the USSR  
in studying out nuclear  
weapons system?

Brown Smith

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TO: [redacted] and Helen		
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REMARKS:		
<p>ER 9368 should be cross referenced with 9427 .</p> <p>This is an extra set of background papers which may be needed for file. If not, destroy. There was one additional paper (a short office memo from [redacted] to ExecDir) that I added to the papers -- pls make sure it is included <sup>with</sup> ER file copy of the letter to Bundy (9427) .</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rita</i></p>		
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