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Gordon Gray, Esquire
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

World and Asian attitudes towards the use of nuclear weapons in general and local wars have been discussed in a number of National Intelligence Estimates over the past few years. In particular, I would call your attention to NIE 100-4-57: "Implications of Growing Nuclear Capabilities for the Communist Bloc and the Free World," 9 July 1957, and SNIE 100-7-58: "Sino-Soviet and Free World Reactions to U. S. use of Nuclear Weapons in Limited Wars in the Far East", which is now in process in response to NSC Action 1934 d and due for final approval and publications on 22 July 1958.

I might comment that it is extremely difficult to make accurate generalization concerning "Asian" reactions to the use of nuclear weapons. Such reactions would vary considerably from country to country, between various groups within any given country, and with the particular circumstances of the case.

In general I believe it impossible to say that the peoples and leaders of Asia are any more or any less concerned about the use of the nuclear weapons in general war than are the peoples and leaders in other regions of the free world. Few would wish to see the Bloc triumph in any military engagement and many would support Western use of nuclear weapons if necessary to prevent such a triumph.

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If the National Estimates referred to above are not available to you, I should be glad to send you copies.

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Allen:

You will recall that in Admiral Stump's speech at Quantico he said that from his experience the great fear among Asians was not that we would use nuclear weapons in a conflict but that we would not. I have heard others who have been stationed or who have travelled in Asia say the same thing. On the other hand, as you well know, there is constantly voiced concern here in Washington that we would lose our Asian friends if they were told that we were planning to use nuclear weapons.

I find myself without a basis for a view in which I would have confidence.

Have you ever made a study of this matter, and if so could you identify it for me?

Sincerely,

Gordon Gray
Director

Honorable Allen W. Dulles

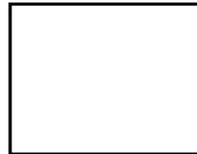
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

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