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**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
VIA CHAIRMAN, MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE TO  
THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Estimate of the Status of the  
Soviet Atomic Energy Program (CIA) [redacted]**

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1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the latest Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee estimate of the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program" dated 28 July 1951 which has been agreed upon by the Committee and approved by the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

2. This report is being disseminated on a limited distribution basis. A less sensitive summary has been prepared for more general use by planning groups and copies will be disseminated to your agency through the usual channels.

3. You are requested to make available one of the copies which is enclosed to the Chairman of the Research and Development Board and to the Director of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group upon their request.

**SIGNED** *Hand del*  
**WALTER B. SMITH** *by OSI*  
Director

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