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MEMORANDUM FOR K. D. NICHOLS, GENERAL MANAGER

In the fall of 1951 I raised the question with Mr. Boyer of the desirability of a second test organization similar to the existing group under Al Graves. In his reply dated October 15, 1951, General Fields recommended against the step.

I now repeat my suggestion. The recent evidence of Soviet progress in thermonuclear work places a far greater premium on time in our development and testing of new weapons.

After you have had a chance to look into this matter, it might be well to take it up at an Executive Session.

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