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MEMORANDUM FOR

Admiral Paul F. Foster,
Atomic Energy Commission,
GM Room 334

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Subject: HARDTACK—Biological and Other Effects Studies

I should like to take this opportunity to inquire about the biological and other effects studies which will be conducted in connection with HARDTACK. In view of the public relations problems attendant on the test series I think it would be very helpful to have readily available data on the research that will be conducted. I should like to suggest that consideration be given to the preparation of a document in response to one of the recommendations made by the NAS-NRC' Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on Oceanography and Fisheries, the text of which follows:

> 4. We recommend that in future weapons tests there should be a serious effort to obtain the maximum of purely scientific information about the ocean, the atmosphere, and marine organisms. This requires, in our opinion, the following steps: (1) In the planning stage committees of disinterested scientists should be consulted and their recommendations followed, (2) funds should be made available for scientific studies unrelated to the character of the weapons themselves, and (3) the recommended scientific program should be supported and carried out independently of the military program rather than on a "not to interfere" basis. (Page 82, Summary Report to the Public, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, The Biological Effects of Atomic Radiation)

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