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Dear Gordon:

I am writing in further extension of what I said in my letter of March twenty-eight relative to attendance at National Security Council Meetings and Planning Board Meetings and to confirm our talk at luncheon in your office. Thank you for the fine meal, the good company, and the opportunity to be with the Commission, its counsel, and its principal aides.

The following program has now been approved:

(1) AEC to designate to NSC a representative to act as an observer at the Planning Board.

(2) NSC to send to each AEC observer twice weekly in advance the agenda for Planning Board Meetings (held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:30 o'clock, usually lasting until 5:00 - 6:00 o'clock) and once weekly in advance agenda for Council Meetings.

(3) The AEC designate to determine whether or not, on the basis of the above, to attend as observer any part of a Planning Board meeting dealing with an agenda item of interest to AEC. On an agenda item directly concerning AEC, the AEC designate should be prepared to state the Commission's view.

(4) If there is an item on a Council Meeting agenda which you think of particular interest to AEC, you will arrange with me for your appearance as observer or ad hoc participant for that part of the meeting, which will take up the item.

As soon as you notify me in accordance with the above we will put the program into operation and give it a good trial. Perhaps it will work out that the Special Committee on Atomic Energy will no longer be needed or can be modified. I should not prejudge in this rapidly changing world.

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I am confident that you and your designate will operate under this program with a due regard for the inadvisability of having in regular attendance at Council and Planning Board Meetings so many people that free exchange of ideas and meaningful discussions are prejudiced.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Gordon Dean
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