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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. F. M. Dearborn, Jr.

I like General Cutler's suggestion of a memorandum presented by a short cover explaining the problem and suggested remedies. I like, too, the wording of his draft in general but do feel that it needs some changes and additions. For example, I believe that world self-interest, to which we are primarily appealing, has three aspects of almost equal importance rather than the one stressed so far. These are: (1) minimizing the effects of radioactive debris; (2) minimizing the risk of limited war expansion; (3) full development of the peaceful uses of nuclear explosives.

I intend to try again this evening for a revision similar to General Cutler's but including changes and additions which I feel desirable. My telephone number at home is .

I fully agree with General Cutler that this concept must come from the top and at the moment I agree that a Presidential speech before the UN is an appropriate vehicle. However, I doubt that present climate of AEC and Defense opinion will permit the sharing of clean technology, which he proposes. Even without that drastic step, this concept will be bitterly opposed by Defense and possibly AEC, because of the proposals that we put first priority on the development of clean and small weapons, and that we test in the future under ground. If this concept ever reaches the President, both you and he should be forewarned that neither agency is likely to agree. Someone must then decide at high level whether the objections which they will raise should outweigh the advantages of an approach which offers our only means of continuing tests, and whether the consequences to our national security would be more adverse under this concept or under the present one.

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