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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Coordination by OCB of Official Statements Regarding Nuclear Weapons.

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The following procedure is recommended for discharge of Board's new responsibilities under NSC 5412g:

1. NSC Action 1344c (Memorandum from the National Security Council, March 5, 1959, on Official Statements Regarding Nuclear Weapons) provides that oral or written statements to be made publicly by government officials regarding nuclear weapons, which contain information not previously made public officially, must be checked in advance with the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.
2. The Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission will refer such statements to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency for judgment on the advisability of public release from the intelligence standpoint.
3. Statements which have been cleared from an intelligence standpoint will be referred by the Chairman, AEC, to the Operations Coordinating Board's Executive Officer for OCB judgment on the broader political aspects.

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