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Agreed that the OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy and Related Programs would develop for consideration by the OCB at the meeting of March 7 recommended courses of action with respect to the participation of foreign observers in the forthcoming Pacific nuclear tests, Operation REDWING. In the discussion of this matter it was indicated that the OCB had received a number of requests from foreign governments to send an observer to witness the tests and that such representations could undoubtedly increase. It was further pointed out that an excessive number of representatives of the press and to observers from the United Kingdom and Canada would make it most difficult to explain why representatives of other friendly nations were not included. It is understood that the Department of Defense regards representation from Canada and the United Kingdom as highly important. One possibility mentioned was to limit representation to those countries with which the U.S. had signed mutual assistance agreements. The Working Group was also requested to explore possible sources of financing for any additional observers who might be recommended over the levels already accepted by the Department of Defense.

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