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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable
Herbert B. Loper,
Assistant to the Secretary
of Defense (Atomic Energy).



SUBJECT: ARGUS Experiment

The Secretary of State has authorized me to advise you that he concurs in the conduct of the experiment proposed in your memorandum to me of April 21, 1958, on the above subject. This concurrence is given on the understanding (1) that no appreciable health and safety or other undesirable effects will result, and (2) that the need for and timing of a public announcement will be considered further.

On the question of public announcement, we believe that further thought should be given to the possible undesirability of departing from established U.S. practice of announcing nuclear tests in advance. Perhaps this test might be handled in a manner similar to the public announcement of Operation WHITMAN.

I understand that you are proceeding with arrangements to set up a meeting with the President.

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Philip J. Farley

cc: AEC - Gen. Starbird
White House - Mr. Keeney ✓

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