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Dear General Loper:

In connection with the problem of Argus classification, I am attaching a minute of the President's Science Advisory Committee on March 16, 1959, which reflects the Committee attitude toward continued security classification.

Although the basic decision on Argus classification has already been made, there are still some questions that will need to be resolved, i.e. the question of release of yield, precise times and locations. It is hoped that we can now move forward to resolve these questions well in advance of the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences on April 27-29. I am writing to Mr. Hugh Odishaw of the IGY Committee to suggest that efforts be made insofar as possible to accelerate the preparation of scientific papers for review and to develop the scientific arguments for relaxation of classification where necessary for the understanding of the scientific data.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Odishaw and General Starbird.

Cordially,

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