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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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Dear Mr. President:

I am leaving for Eniwetok today.

I will be in daily touch with my office.

We have concluded our budget hearings before the House Committee and found all members cooperative. Certain onerous restrictions long in our appropriations legislation will be removed.

I do not believe I have mentioned to you that we will not have to increase our 1955 budget by the \$360 millions required for construction to meet the Joint Chiefs recent weapons program, as we have found most of that amount by economies in our other programs and by reducing our pre-financing reserve from an average of 12 months to about 6 months.

Respectfully,

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The President
The White House

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