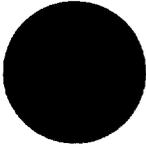


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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

11 January 1954



Dear Sherman:

Attached is a draft letter to
Mr. Thomas E. Murray.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis L. Strauss



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The Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House

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Dear Commissioner Murray:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of January 4th and to say that he would not wish to intervene in the decision reached by the majority of the Atomic Energy Commission in the matter in question, particularly since the majority included the Chairman of the Commission.

I would like to suggest to you that the privilege of appeal to the President against a majority decision be used with restraint. Unless issues involve either some basic principle or the public safety, it would obviously be impossible to cope with the situation if the many Commissioners in the independent agencies of the Government appealed their minority positions directly to the President.

Sincerely yours,



W. D. Murray
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