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Dear Mr. President:

Apropos your remarks at the Cabinet meeting on the virtue of laying all the facts on the line before there is an inquisition, it occurred to me that I should tell you that the Atomic Energy Commission has prepared a statement for publication on the effects of "fall-out" which is authoritative insofar as scientific information has now been developed. The piecemeal leaks on this subject now appearing in the press are, very naturally, being treated in a sensational manner. I believe the best way to combat them and the alarm they engender is to put the full facts forward with frankness.

We have discussed this statement with the Operations Coordinating Board, and I have talked about it with the Secretary of State, who would like to see its publication deferred until the NATO negotiations have been completed. I have, of course, acceded.

However, I feel that at the earliest moment following his return, we should release the information we have now evaluated and which it is desirable for the public to know in order more effectively to protect itself in the event of atomic war.

Respectfully,

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