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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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Dear Mr. President:

After your telephone call this morning, I talked with Admiral Radford. We agree that it would be appropriate to state, if you care to do so, that in the current tests we are in the course of proving the scientific principles which now enable us to have weapons in our arsenals of the size required by our war plans and that we do not propose, under present circumstances, to test larger and yet ever larger weapons.

The unacceptable alternatives of an agreement for atomic disarmament which is unenforceable on the one hand and, on the other, of a unilateral determination to limit our armament, which could be suicidal, are of course the reason why, as you have said in your December 8th address, that the "defense capabilities of the United States" must be such that they "could inflict terrible losses upon an aggressor .... so great that such an aggressor's land would be laid waste."

Respectfully,

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