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March 26, 1954

Dear Chairman Cole:

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 On January twelfth you wrote a letter to the President suggesting that the motion picture film on "Operation Ivy" be shown to Members of the Congress and later released to the public through the news gathering media of our country.

This film was subsequently shown to Members of the Congress and, with the approval of the President and the National Security Council, is about to be released to the press.

For your information, a program has been worked out whereby the Federal Civil Defense Administration will simultaneously release copies of the film to newspapers, news photographers, television, radio, newsreels and magazines. A briefing session for all domestic news media will be held by Civil Defense on Wednesday, March thirty-first, here in Washington. At that time, the material in the film will be made available for release at 6:00 P. M. Wednesday, April seventh. Subsequently, copies of the film will also be available for public showing through the Civil Defense Administration.

Sincerely,

James C. Hagerty  
 Press Secretary  
 to the President

The Honorable W. Sterling Cole  
 Chairman, Joint Committee on  
 Atomic Energy  
 House of Representatives  
 Washington, D. C.

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