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1. Serious repercussions anticipated by Department if dies have already in large measure occurred. Exploitation of death, funeral ceremonies, etc., will undoubtedly go to extremes as yet not experienced.

2. While we can neither prove it, nor even hint at it publicly, I am convinced that death will be due more to Communist inspired medication than to Japanese backwardness in medical science although latter is factor. This being case, I question wether prestige of President should personally be engaged and believe it should be reserved for some greater emergency. Furthermore, if as is possible, other crew members die, question of additional personal messages from President would arise.

3. If does not die, there is good chance that we can settle for \$1,000,000 after a little time has elapsed. If he dies, I am not so sure; however, immediate transfer of 1,000,000 yen (not subtracted from \$1,000,000 fund) to his widow might make this possible. Payment of death money even in cases where no accident is involved accords with Japanese custom and would be recognized by Japanese public. Any such payment should be made within day or two of death.

4. We could not at present ascertain name (reported by press as \_\_\_\_\_) and address widow without arousing speculation, but in my opinion, message addressed Carrlpwkrd\* Tsuzuki, Tokyo University, would be adequate. We would, of course, be able to prevent any lack of good faith on Tsuzuki's part by prompt public release.

5. I assume continuance of hydrogen bomb tests is indispensable from standpoint our broader security interests. However, only step I can think of which might reverse situation here is announcement by President that experiments in Pacific had been suspended indefinitely and in any event,

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for not less than stated period, say one year. It should of course be announced at the same time that suspension was contingent upon similar suspension by all other powers, thereby putting Soviets in awkward position. It would have to be made clear in same announcement that experimentation any place else would be promptly detected by United States and made known to world. I advance foregoing in ignorance of relative position US and USSR in either technology or stockpiling and do so with much diffidence in view of vital questions involved. However, I am quite certain reactions here and in most parts of Asia would be much to our advantage and against that of USSR.

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