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Dear Percy:

At our conference on the 18th someone commented on the fact that our staff was not "economy minded" which elicited a rise from me. I thought you would be interested to learn that the AEC staff has just informed me of a dollar saving in one phase of our weapons test operations next spring. This while small in the aggregate is typical of an "economy minded" philosophy.

In past years we have prepared "quickie" films of each shot detonation in a test series at a cost of at least \$10,000 per film and a classified documentary film costing at least \$100,000. For the coming test series, however, we are dispensing with the "quickie" films and the documentary, both at the recommendation of the staff. In their place we are substituting a minimum amount of appropriate film footage and still photographs for historical purposes. The total cost for filming the 1958 test series is estimated to be \$16,300 which would compare with a figure of \$350,000 based upon the number of proposed shots and the previous practice of filming.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lewis L. Strauss

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Honorable Percival F. Brundage
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