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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Recommendations with respect to the Participation of Foreign Observers in operation REDWING

A. AGENDA ITEM FOR:

OCB meeting of March 7, 1956.

B. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Concurrence in a recommendation to the AEC and the Department of Defense with respect to the participation of foreign observers in the Spring 1956 nuclear weapons test series, Operation REDWING.

C. PREPARED BY:

OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and Related Information Programs (State, Defense, CIA, USIA, AEC, ODM, FCDA, and OCB Staff).

D. BACKGROUND:

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1. In response to a request from AEC Chairman Strauss, the Board agreed at its meeting of February 15, 1956, that "the press should be invited (to Operation REDWING) to the extent feasible, presumably upon an approved representation basis." It is understood that current planning envisages the accommodation on one ship of 40 U. S. media representatives, 40 Federal Civil Defense Agency observers, and 40 escort personnel.

2. At its meeting of February 29, 1956, the Board requested the OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and related Information Programs to develop recommended courses of action with respect to the participation of foreign observers in the forthcoming Pacific nuclear test, Operation REDWING, and to explore possible sources of financing for any additional observers who might be recommended over the levels already accepted by the Department of Defense.

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