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Memorandum for Mr. Murray

Subject: OBSERVERS AT REDWING **BEST COPY AVAILABLE**

Very recently I received from Secretary Wilson's office a letter, of which the attached is a copy, concerning the desire of the Department of Defense to have 15 Canadian and United Kingdom official observers under provisions of the bilaterals to view a shot at REDWING. As you know we are now receiving a flood of requests from the press and other media to attend and this can be expected to increase. Having foreign official observers without U. S. media attendance would place us in an untenable position.

I, therefore, discussed this matter with Secretary Wilson today, pointing out this difficult position and emphasizing that we would need support of factual media reporting to overcome scare stories. Secretary Wilson and I both feel that limited U. S. media attendance on a pooled basis is desirable. Such attendance does introduce logistical problems for the reason the uncleared media representatives should observe from a distance and aboard a ship. We have agreed that media representation at one shot is desirable if feasible. The Department of Defense and our own staff are attempting to develop a feasible plan. Attendance would be limited to one shot.

Incidentally, certain regional directors and the like of FCDA might attend and these probably could be placed aboard the same ship as the media representatives.

I have directed the General Manager to present to us as early as possible a report on the arrangements that study with the Department of Defense show to be feasible. I am furnishing you this information immediately should you have any comment. I am sending a similar letter to the other Commissioners and General Manager.

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