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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, provides that you may authorize the Department of Defense, with the assistance of the Atomic Energy Commission, to cooperate with another nation or with a regional defense organization to which the United States is a party and to communicate Restricted Data to that nation or organization for purposes prescribed in the Act. These provisions are subject to your determination that the proposed cooperation and the proposed communication of the Restricted Data will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security of the United States.

There have now been a number of high altitude, subkiloton, underground and underwater tests conducted both by the United States and United Kingdom and we have previously exchanged with the United Kingdom some of the data obtained from these tests. The stage has now been reached where a further exchange of information between experts on both sides will be beneficial to both nations. Therefore, preparations for a Department of Defense sponsored Bipartite Conference planned to start 6 July 1959 are in progress. The proposed agenda will include data on effects, theoretical and actual, related to specifically identified, unidentified and hypothetical nuclear detonations under environmental conditions ranging from underwater and underground to ultra-high altitude.



In this connection, the Department of Defense desires to communicate to the United Kingdom information within the categories set forth in Inclosure 1.

The Department of Defense and Atomic Energy Commission believe that this information will enhance British development of future defense capabilities against potential enemies and in return will provide the United States with actual and theoretical data obtained by the United Kingdom.

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It is therefore requested that you determine that the transmission of information within the categories set forth in Inclosure 1 will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security.

With great respect, I am

Faithfully yours,



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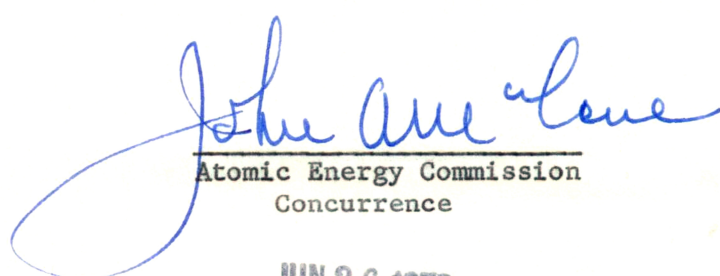


2 Inclosures

1. Information Proposed for Communication to the United Kingdom
2. Draft Letter to the Secretary of Defense

The President

The White House



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