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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

Public Law 85-479 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 public law. These provisions are subject to your determination that the proposed cooperation and communication will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security of the United States.



In order to continue cooperation under way prior to the recent amendment of the public law, the Department of Defense desires to transmit to the United Kingdom and Canada the atomic information described in Inclosure 1 and to Canada the additional information described in Inclosure 2. This information has not been included in a previous request for your determination.

The Department of Defense is proceeding with the following programs for cooperation with other nations for which communication of atomic information is essential:

In furtherance of these

compatibility programs the Department of Defense now desires to transmit to the United Kingdom and Canada the additional information summarized in paragraph a of Inclosure 1.

b. In connection with the program to develop a delivery capability for United States nuclear weapons in the Navies of the United Kingdom and Canada, the Department of Defense desires to transmit to these countries the information on

described in paragraph b of Inclosure 1.

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c. In view of the interdependence and mutual interest of the United States and Canada in the defense of the North American Continent, there have been established integrated continental defense





The Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission believe that the transmission of the atomic information described in Inclosure 1 to the United Kingdom and Canada and of the additional atomic information described in Inclosure 2 to Canada, will promote and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security. It is therefore requested that you determine that the proposed cooperation and proposed communication of the atomic information as described in Inclosure 1 to the United Kingdom and Canada and the additional atomic information as described in Inclosure 2 to Canada, 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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3 Inclosures

- Information Proposed for Communication to the United Kingdom and Canada
- 2. Information Proposed for Communication to Canada
- 3. Draft Letter to the Secretary of Defense

May 13, 1959

The President

The White House

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Concurrence



ATOMIC INFORMATION PROPOSED FOR COMMUNICATION TO CANADA

Atomic information necessary to assist in effective prosecution of the established continental defense arrangement with Canada to include:



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