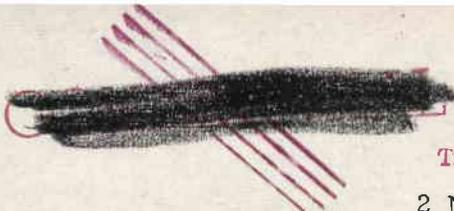


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Dr. R. C. Tolman,
Dean of the Graduate School,
California Institute of Technology,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Tolman:

It is essential that we carry out in an orderly manner the
declassification and release of information obtained as a result of
the work in the Manhattan Project if the security of such information
is no longer important to the welfare of the United States.

I have asked a number of our scientific leaders to act as a
committee to aid in the formulation of a suitable program. Subsequent
to my discussion with you, I have obtained the concurrence of the
following named persons to act on such a committee with you as Chairman:

- Dr. E. O. Lawrence
- Dr. A. H. Compton
- Dr. H. C. Urey
- Dr. F. H. Spedding
- Dr. R. F. Bacher
- Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer
- Lt. Colonel J. R. Ruhoff

Colonel Ruhoff will not have a vote in any proceedings.

I have also obtained the concurrence of the following persons
to act as a subcommittee on declassification and release of medical
information:

- Colonel S. L. Warren (Chairman)
- Dr. R. S. Stone
- Dr. Andrew H. Dowdy
- Dr. Louis Hempelman
- Dr. Joseph Hamilton



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 For The Atomic Energy Commission
Edward Thurin
 Chief, Declassification Branch

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It is intended that this subcommittee will report to your committee and that final recommendations on medical matters will be made by your committee.

The objective of your committee is, in consideration of both the national security and the national welfare, to recommend to me a program on the declassification and release of information. Your report should include recommendations on:

a. The extent to which information obtained on the work of the Manhattan Project should be declassified.

b. The detailed rules to be followed in such declassification.

c. The extent to which information obtained on the work of the Manhattan Project which will remain classified may be released to qualified individuals and organizations.

d. The detailed rules to be followed in such releases.

I hope that your committee can complete its work at an early date.

Sincerely,

L. R. GROVES,
Major General, USA.