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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT: Operation Ivy Film

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The Operations Coordinating Board, at its meeting of February 17, 1954, expressed the view that the public showing of the Operation Ivy film should be deferred and that the timing should be decided in the light of the report of the Secretary of State after he returns from the Berlin Conference. The Board further agreed that there is little to be gained by attempting to further revise the film with the view of inserting material on the constructive peace-time uses of atomic energy. It took cognizance of the fact that Soviet propaganda will probably play up this film abroad as evidence of U. S. war-mongering and as support for the Soviet proposal to outlaw atomic weapons, and agreed that the OCB should develop in advance an information program to counter such a line of propaganda in the event it is decided to show the film publicly.

/s/ ELMER B. STAATS

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