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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 282

MEMORANDUM FOR: ✓ The Secretary of State —
✓ The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission —

SUBJECT: Project SULKY

In view of the delicacy of the balance of US-USSR relationship in other major areas plus the tight schedule for conducting SULKY at this time, the President has decided to defer further consideration of SULKY without prejudice until next winter in the expectation that the intervening time could be profitably used for a review of possibilities for improving nondetection and to give a longer period in which to select the most favorable wind and weather conditions.

In addition, the President requests the Secretary of State, in consultation with other responsible officers of the Government as appropriate, to give immediate consideration to the probabilities and problems involved in obtaining from the nations signatory to the Test Ban Treaty approval for the utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful explosions under adequate international controls. The President requests that a first report on this matter be available to him by the end of March.

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