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6 August 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Security Officer

SUBJECT : AQUATONE Clearances for General Truscott's Staff

1. I have only today become aware that General Truscott had requested both TALENT and AQUATONE clearances for his secretary and his two Staff members. The TALENT briefings have already been given, and I believe that at least a weak case can be made that the two Staff members have some need to know about HTAUTOMAT. With respect to the AQUATONE briefing, however, I have today written a memorandum to General Truscott explaining that I could not agree to have his two Staff members receive such a clearance or receive any further briefing on the Project. Specifically, I have explained to him that they have no need for any knowledge whatever about organizational, support, technical, or operational matters.

2. This memorandum will serve as my instruction to you to withhold such clearances and briefing from [Redacted] I have purposely left open the case of [Redacted] because of my belief that it is usually wise to have the secretary of an already witting senior officer briefed so that she is in a position to receive papers and to give them the proper handling. I will leave this decision to you but would point out that, if [Redacted] is briefed, she should be made aware that the two Staff members are not cleared for AQUATONE.

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3. By way of follow-up, would you please do the following:

- a. Take appropriate action with respect to [Redacted]
- b. Make sure that Project and HTAUTOMAT personnel are aware that [Redacted] are cleared only for TALENT.

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RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.
Project Director

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RMB: [Redacted] (6 Aug 57)

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