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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Response to Letter from Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 25 October 1965

1. A communication has been received from the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (copy attached) posing a series of questions on certain intelligence aspects of comprehensive and threshold test ban treaties. These questions are so important to the future conduct of intelligence that I believe a coordinated community response is called for.

2. I therefore request the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee to submit to me by 24 November a coordinated response which I, in my capacity as Director of Central Intelligence, may use as a basis for my reply to the Chairman, JCS.

W. F. RABORN  
Director

Attachment

CONCURRENCE:

Acting Director of Scientific Intelligence

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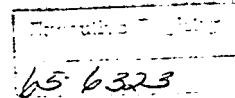
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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301



Dear Admiral Raborn:

At the recent session of the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Conference, much of the discussion centered on comprehensive and threshold test bans. This discussion is currently continuing at the United Nations General Assembly. Recognizing the importance of nonmilitary factors in determining the merits of a test ban, the Joint Chiefs of Staff would greatly appreciate your views on certain aspects of comprehensive and threshold test bans. Enclosed find a list of questions which you may use as a guide in developing your views. We would appreciate your comments in writing so we may study them in detail, after which we may wish to request an opportunity to confer with you on specific points.

We would appreciate your response by 1 December 1965 in order that we may reach a final position prior to the reconvening of the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Conference, probably in January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earle G. Wheeler".

EARLE G. WHEELER  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Enclosure  
List of Questions

Vice Admiral W. F. Raborn, USN(Ret)  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
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Remarks:

Please prepare a reply for the Director's signature, coordinating as appropriate with Dr. Chamberlain et al.

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