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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence
SUBJECT: Disarmament Negotiations

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. On 1 April 1957, I attended a meeting held in the State Department with representatives of Defense Department, AEC, as well as State, to discuss certain activities at the London Disarmament Conference (see enclosed [redacted] 28 March). There was very general concern on the part of all present, and particularly the DOD and AEC representatives, with certain statements that Mr. Stassen had made relative to the possibilities of a test moratorium. They were particularly worried about his offer to have technicians confer on the feasibility of detecting nuclear tests and the apparent invitation to the Soviets to make proposals for test limitations even if agreement on disarmament could not be reached.
3. As a result of this meeting, it was agreed to send a cable to Mr. Stassen covering the following points:
 - a. Advise him that the statements in the Bermuda communique relative to technical difficulties of enforcing a test limitation did not indicate a change of U. S. policy against test limitations in the absence of other disarmament agreements.
 - b. Express opposition to a technical meeting to discuss the validity of the test detection systems.
 - c. Advise him that a classified meeting would be held with the Canadians to inform them of the technical problems involved in enforcing nuclear test limitations.

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