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Dear Chief Director,

I am a tenured professor of history in the Rutgers University history department. I am currently on leave financed by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to write a history of the American civil defense program.

A portion of my research is based on AEC documents and papers. Since much of that material is classified, I write to request declassification of a portion of the "Footnote File" from the ¹⁹⁸² volume written by Richard G. Hewlett and Jack M. Holl, entitled Atoms For Peace And War, 1953-1961: Eisenhower and the Atomic Energy Commission. I have spoken with archivist Betsy Scroger, at the AEC collection held in Germantown, at the Department of Energy History Division, who has looked at this material and has confirmed to me that since some of it is classified, I must appeal to you for declassification of this material originally classified over forty years ago.

The precise material for which I request declassification is listed below:

Footnotes listed in Hewlett and Holl, above, are all from Chapter 3, "The President and the Bomb," in their volume Atoms For Peace..., above.

The precise footnote files I need to see are Footnotes numbered from Footnote 11 through Footnote 24, and, in addition, the material in Footnote 33.

I ask for declassification, then, of any classified material in these Footnote Files, 11-24, and 33.

Within the last two weeks, I have spoken with Richard Hewlett, Jack Holl and Roger Anders. I was told by each of them

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that they do not believe the material I seek can be found elsewhere, and they advised me to request declassification of this information for the purpose of aiding my historical research.

I deeply appreciate your help in opening these files. I know that your office is committed to opening as much public information as feasible. Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information.

Sincerely,



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