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Crash of J-47 (b)(3):42 USC 2

General Thomas White, Chief of Staff, J-47
Richard S. Finn (c)

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General White telephoned me in the absence of Mr. Murphy to say that a J-47 loaded with "one of those things" had just crashed (b)(3):42 USC 2168(a)(1) (b)(3):42 USC 2168(a) None of the crew were injured, there was no explosion, no radiation and no harmful effects whatsoever. The General also said that a representative (b)(3):42 USC 2168(a)(1)(C) knows about the crash and has inquired as to whether a nuclear bomb might have been aboard the plane. General White says that he and the Air Force feel that this is an excellent opportunity to issue a public statement regarding crashes of planes loaded with nuclear weapons and that such a statement could also have a beneficial effect on the similar problem being discussed (b)(3):42 US He said that the Air Force is now preparing a proposed public statement and will shortly make it available to the State Department for clearance.

Mr. Finn said that he would bring this to the attention of Mr. Murphy and to the interested offices of the Department who would be waiting for the statement.

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