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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 25, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY OWEN

FROM: JERRY OPLINGER *CO*

SUBJECT: South Atlantic Event(U)

John Marcum, somewhat to my surprise, went ahead and set up a meeting on Monday at 2:30 in room 248 to hear the DOE/DOD presentation. John Deutch, Dan Murphy, and [redacted] CIA will be there, along with the technical people and the Los Alamos lab representatives. I told John that I thought you and Gerry Smith should hear the presentation. He was not overjoyed, but allowed as how if you had time to "sit in," ok, but if not he would fill you in. I am independently informing Smith's office so he can come; I would urge you to go if you can. It seems clear to me that Marcum's main objective is to hear the dissenters out so that we can more safely ignore them. (S)

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One additional point: there are rumors that CIA is trying to re-draft the earlier "Safeguards-D" report which assessed the probability of a nuclear test as 90% plus. We should put a stop to this; nothing would suggest a whitewash more effectively than to rewrite an existing assessment to match the conclusions of a White House panel. If after this presentation, they still believe their earlier assessment was wrong, they should issue an update saying why they have changed their minds, and provide solid and objective reasons. Marcum agrees. (S)

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