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**Memorandum by Robert Amory, Deputy Director of
Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, to Special
Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs [McGeorge Bundy]**

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Summary:

Heavily excised report to McGeorge Bundy from the CIA on the Israeli nuclear program and Dimona.

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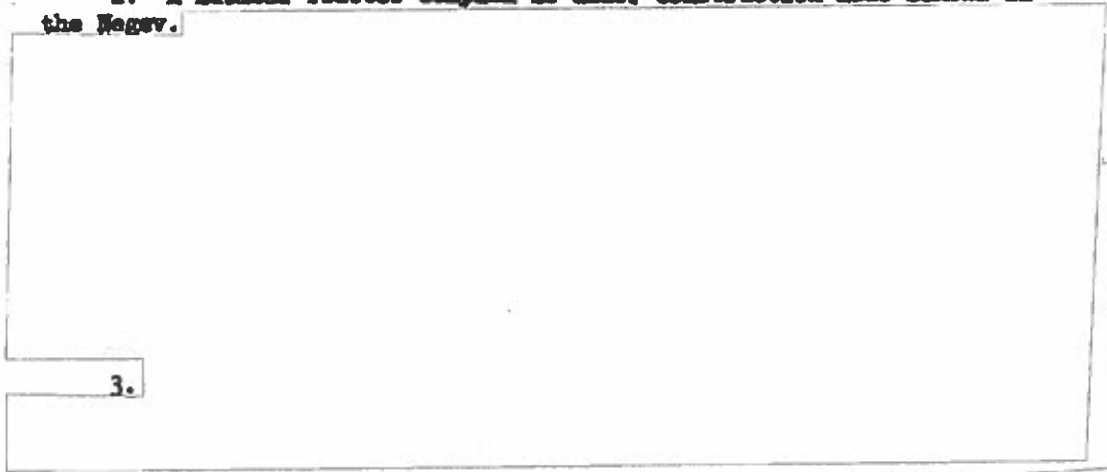
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the President
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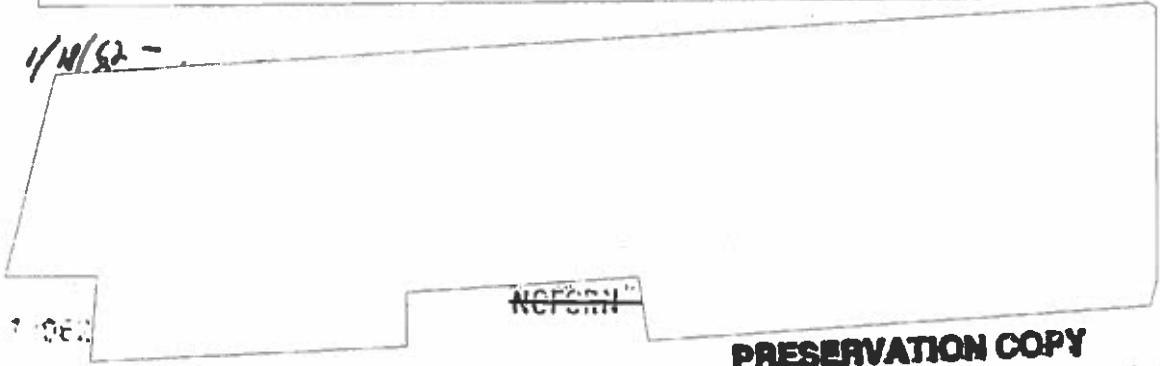
SUBJECT: Israeli Nuclear Energy Program

1. The Israeli Atomic Energy Commission was established in 1952 under the Office of the Prime Minister with headquarters at Tel Aviv and a laboratory at Rehovot. In 1955, conclusion of the U.S.-Israeli bilateral agreement for the peaceful uses of atomic energy led to the establishment of a research center at Habi Rubin (also called Nahal Soreq), a short distance from both Tel Aviv and Rehovot. Under the terms of this agreement, Israel received a 1 megawatt swimming pool reactor, which is safeguarded by U.S. procedures and cannot contribute to a nuclear weapon program except as a basic research facility.

2. A nuclear reactor complex is under construction near Dimona in the Negev.



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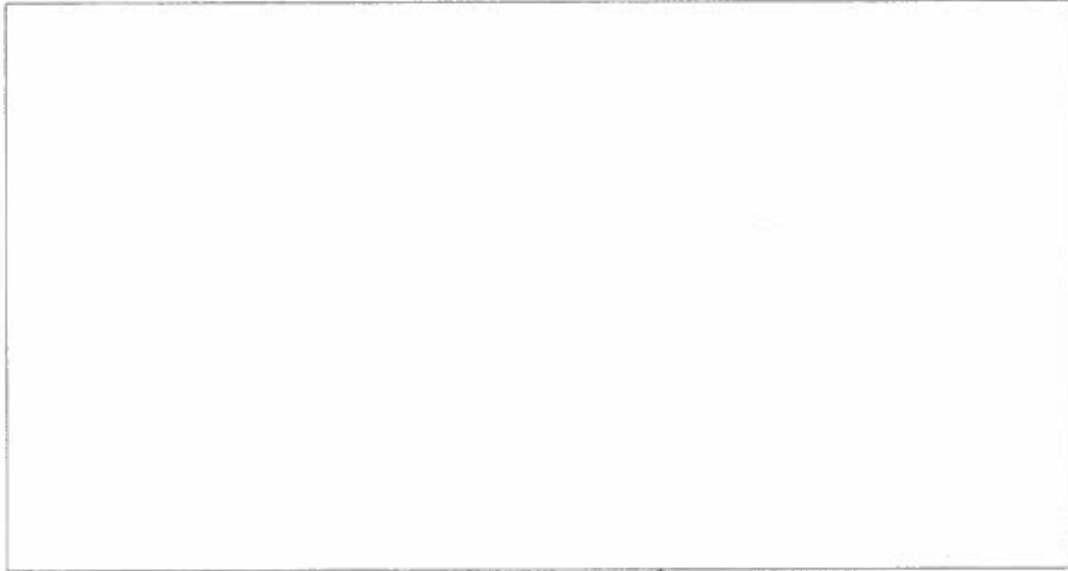
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- 1. Photo
- 2. Map

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