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UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Washington, D. C., May 3, 1956.

DR. ALAN T. WATERMAN,
Director, National Science Foundation,
Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR DR. WATERMAN: I want to thank you for sending me the very comprehensive report covering participation by the United States in the worldwide program of the International Geophysical Year. At a time when we are inching along toward international political understanding, this cooperative effort in which 46 nations join together to observe and study geophysical phenomena comes as reassuring news.

In my capacity as chairman of the subcommittee of the Senate which approved the appropriation of funds for the program, I have previously reviewed the plans for the International Geophysical Year and I am convinced that this cooperative effort will undoubtedly unlock secrets of nature of vast importance to the welfare of mankind.

It appears to me that the story of the International Geophysical Year—its programs and objectives—should be made known to the citizens of the United States, since the results of this venture, particularly as they relate to weather forecasting, communications, and transportation, may well affect the lives of all of us. Furthermore, at a time when the United States urgently requires more and better trained scientists and engineers, the exciting nature of the International Geophysical Year should serve as a stimulant to our youngsters toward careers in science.

The data you have sent me summarizes the International Geophysical Year programs and objectives completely, yet concisely, and could well serve as a mechanism for bringing the International Geophysical Year to the attention of all our citizens—particularly to our high-school students. Therefore I have today requested the Honorable Carl Hayden, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to cause the data you sent me to be reproduced as an official print of the committee and to be issued as a Senate document.

Sincerely yours,

WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Independent Offices and General
Government Matters.*