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30 December 1953

TO : Commander Joint Task Force SEVEN

FROM : CTG 7.1

SUBJECT : JTF SEVEN OPERATION PLAN NO. 3-53, ANNEX C, PARAGRAPH 12

SYMBOL : J-22532

REFERENCE: A. Letter from Brig. Gen. E. McGinley, Chief of Staff, JTF SEVEN to CTG 7.1, dated 19 Nov. 1953, Subject "Response to CTG 7.1 Comments on Draft of Your Operation Plan No. 3-53", Symbol J-3/300.4.

B. Letter from CTG 7.1 to CJTF SEVEN dated 23 October 1953, "Comments on Draft of Operation Plan No. 3-53", Symbol J-21010.

1. Reference A stated that our recommendation made in Reference B concerning the wording of Paragraph 12 of Annex C to JTF SEVEN Op Plan 3-53 was not favorably considered because the original wording seemed adequate.

2. The present wording of the 3rd and 4th sentences of Paragraph 12, Photography, is as follows: "..... Prior to review and final classification...The preliminary classification will in no case be lower than ~~SECRET - SECURITY INFORMATION~~ for scientific and non-technical photography and ~~RESTRICTED - SECURITY INFORMATION~~ for administrative photography".

3. The handling of scientific photography as other than Secret Restricted Data prior to classification is contrary to our understanding of security regulations of the Atomic Energy Commission on the handling of such information. To handle this photography as other than Restricted Data is a major departure from precedents which have influenced our previous thinking on the manner in which such photography should be safeguarded. Furthermore, if the material is not regarded as Restricted Data prior to classification there is a possibility that it may be revealed by AEC personnel to persons not "Q" cleared. If this happens, and the information becomes Restricted Data when classified, then there is a question of whether or not a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 has occurred.

4. In view of the above, and the most recent requirements of Executive Order 10501, it is requested that you reconsider the wording of the subject paragraph and substitute the following in lieu of the 3rd and 4th sentences of that paragraph: "Prior to review and final classification by

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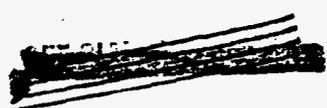
the Classification Officer, all photography will be handled as Secret Restricted Data, unless the scene depicted is wholly administrative and contains no scientific or technical information, in which case it may be handled as Confidential."

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