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FOR HERTFORD ATTN REEVES FROM STARBIRD

REF REEVES TWX S-1225 MAY 31, 1960. THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS.

PART ONE

FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN MC CONE TO SECRETARY GATES WAS SIGNED JUNE 3, 1960.

" I REFER TO MR. DOUGLAS' LETTER OF MAY 16, 1960, IN WHICH HE AGREED THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED TO RETAIN THE ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND AS A NUCLEAR TEST FACILITY, AND STATED A DOD REQUIREMENT FOR THE AREA AS AN ADDITION TO THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE.

"CONTACT IS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE AND THE ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A PLAN FOR THE ORDERLY TURNOVER OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE DOD. ALSO, I CONCUR IN YOUR PLAN TO HAVE THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE NEGOTIATE WITH HOLMES AND NARVER TO OPERATE THE FACILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

"I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY APPLICATION TO UNDERTAKE WITH SUCH REPRESENTATIVE DOD AGENCY AS YOU MAY DESIGNATE, THE FORMULATION OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AEC AND THE DOD WHICH

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WILL PROVIDE FOR THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OF THE EPG, ITS FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. WE WOULD INTEND TO INCLUDE IN THE AGREEMENT RECOGNITION IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE AEC COULD USE THE EPG FOR ANY ACTIVITY WHICH IT MIGHT LATER NEED TO CONDUCT THERE IF IT IS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT COST TO THE DOD, AND WITHOUT INTERFERENCE WITH YOUR ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES THERE."

PART TWO

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND INTERIOR WERE INFORMED OF OUR PLANS FOR TRANSFER OF EPG BY LETTERS FROM CHAIRMAN MC CONE DATED JUNE 8, 1960. CONSIDERATION IS ~~NOW~~ BEING GIVEN By OCB TO AN APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASE.

PART THREE

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE TWX TO ACCOMPLISH TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AT EPG TO THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE BY JULY 1, 1960. DMA IS CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE WITH DOD A BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF EPG AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO ITS PROGRESS.

PARA IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU TAKE NO ACTION TO TERMINATE OFF_ATOLL LEASES UNTIL DOD DECIDES WHETHER DOD DESIRES TO TAKE THEM OVER. (JTF-7 IS NOW RESOLVING THAT QUESTION.)

PARA PMR DOES NOT DESIRE TO TAKE OVER THE AFDL, ALOTO, OR THE TWO ARMY TUGS. ~~FROM PRELIMINARY CONTACTS IT APPEARS THAT~~ DOD WILL NOT WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR JOINT INSPECTION, AND INDICATED REPAIRS TO THESE CRAFT (AT AEC EXPENSE) THOUGH NAVY MAY AGREE TO OUR PAYING THE MOTHBALL COSTS ON THE TWO NAVY CRAFT IF THAT IS LESS THAN THE

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COST OF RESTORING THEM TO THEIR CONDITION ON RECEIPT.

PARA PLEASE FORWARD YOUR ESTIMATE OF ANY FY 1961 FUNDS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH FINISHING UP THE TURNOVER OF EPG AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO PREPARE IT. END REF MAT:SWJ

(signed)
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Colonel, USAF
for
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Brigadier General, USA
Director of Military Application

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