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BY R.S. DEWEY, DATE: 6/8/94

Dear Mr. Gates:

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 Commission 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 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.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John A. McCone
Chairman

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