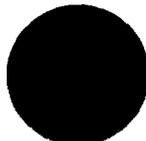


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THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART ONE:

REFERENCE CHAIRMAN MCCOME'S LETTER TO SECRETARY APRIL 22, COPY TO YOU, CONCERNING EPG.

PARA. QUOTED BELOW IS DOD REPLY DATED MAY 16.

"DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 22, 1960, WHICH REQUESTED THAT YOU BE INFORMED BY MAY 15 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND AND, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROVING GROUND, CONCURRENCE IN PLACING IT IN A CARETAKER STATUS.

PARA. I AGREE THAT THE ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND SHOULD NOT BE RETAINED AS A NUCLEAR TEST FACILITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE AREA AS AN ADDITION TO THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE AND I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER TO ARRANGE FOR TRANSFER OF THE FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

PARA. THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE WILL BE DIRECTED TO CONTACT YOUR ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER WHICH WE HOPE CAN BE EFFECTIVE ON 1 JULY 1960.

PARA. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE WILL EXPECT THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE

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PART TWO: PMR WILL ON MAY 25 CONVENE REPRESENTATIVES FROM BUWEAP, DMA, ALOO HOLMES AND NARVER, MATS, JTF-7 AND APPROPRIATE USAF AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARRANGING A PHASEDOWN OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL TO MEET PMR REQUIREMENTS AND THE

JEMIT TO ME IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER A SUMMARY PLAN OF INTENDED ACTION FOR MY APPROVAL.

PARA. IT IS DESIRED THAT PRIOR TO FINAL TRANSFER, EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF ALOO AND SAN FOR NTS, FLOWNAKE, AND DETECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, ETC., BE

FULFILLED, WHERE ECONOMICAL, FROM EPC STOCKS. PARA. IT IS REQUESTED THAT

YOU ADVISE DMA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO REDUCE TO THE PERSONNEL

LEVELS WHICH PMR WILL REQUIRE, WHICH WOULD CAUSE RETENTION OF H&N PERSONNEL AS AEC

HIRE AFTER JULY 1, 1960. PARA. A FINAL TRANSFER REPORT SUMMARIZING NATURE

AND VALUE OF ASSETS TRANSFERRED TO DOD MAY BE REQUIRED. PARA YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING ARE REQUESTED

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