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Note to: General Starbird
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I coordinated with Adm. Parker and Col. Shankle this morning our proposed letter from Chairman McCone to Secretary Gates on the future of EPG. Both concurred in its idea and content.

Adm. Parker said that the principal factor now bearing upon a DoD decision is the matter of cost and time on switching Nike Zeus installation from Kwajalein to Eniwetok. He said it was a good idea to put the tenancy question officially to DoD, and saw no objection to our asking for a reply by May 15.

Also, Col. Shankle showed me a proposed reply to Chairman McCone on TICKTOCK which is going to Secretary Gates' office for signature today. It states that DoD will go ahead with TICKTOCK and will abide by the conditions imposed in Mr. McCone's March 30 letter.

MR GATE'S
~~E~~ letter also mentions that DoD is now studying the matter of taking over Eniwetok & Bikini Atolls.

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