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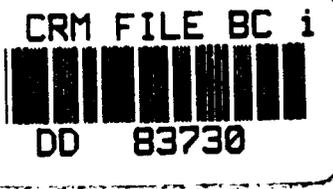
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PERSONAL TO BRADBURY AND YORK FROM STARBIRD PD

I HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU AN INDICATION OF THE POSSIBLE NUMBER AND SIZE OF SHOTS TO BE FIRED IN HARDTACK PD THE NUMBER CMM OF COURSE CMM RUNS OVER THIRTY AND THE SIZE OF THE LARGEST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF FORTY MEGATONS /THOUGH CLEAN/ PD I REALIZE THAT PLANNING MUST GO AHEAD IMMEDIATELY WITH RELATION TO PROCUREMENT CMM MILITARY SUPPORT AND THE LIKE PD I CMM THEREFORE CMM DESIRE TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION CERTAIN IDEAS I HAVE CLN

/A/ THE BUDGET FOR FY 1958 MUST BE CONSIDERED FIRM PD THIS MEANS THEN THAT THERE IS NO SIZEABLE AMOUNT TO BE EXPECTED IN FY 1958 IN OPERATING MONEY AND NO SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT MONEY WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE OVER THE GENERAL SCALE OF REDUCING PD FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE IN FY 1959 CAN HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON PROCUREMENT AND NO EFFECT ON CONSTRUCTION FOR HARDTACK PD WITH RESPECT TO DOD SUPPORT IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A COMPARABLE SITUATION APPLIES PD

/B/ I BELIEVE THE COMMISSION /THOUGH I HAVE NOT CHECKED WITH THEM/ WILL DESIRE THAT THE NUMBER OF SHOTS CMM THE YIELD AND THE SIZE BE CAREFULLY SCREENED TO INSURE THAT WE HOLD TO SHOTS AND YIELDS WHICH ARE CLEARLY NECESSARY IN THE

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WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED TO YOU I DOUBT THEIR APPROVAL OF A FIRING

OF THE ORDER OF FORTY MEGATONS OR IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE A

FIRING OF LESSER YIELD WITHOUT LOSS OF VERY IMPORTANT DATA PD THIS

CMR THEN CMR WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERA-

TION BE GIVEN TO REDUCED YIELD VERSIONS OF THE LARGE YIELD SHOTS PD

I BELIEVE ALSO THE COMMISSION WILL DESIRE TO HOLD TO A MINIMUM THE

AMOUNT OF FISSION YIELD SO THE AMOUNT WILL BE GENERALLY OF THE ORDER

OF MAGNITUDE OF THAT OF REDJING PD

/C/ I FEEL /BUT WITHOUT BENEFIT OF FULL DATA AS YET/ THAT THE

TOTAL COST OF OPENING TAONGI AS A NEW SITE /INCLUDING BOTH AEC AND

DOD COSTS/ WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE THAT OF CONDUCTING THE OPERA-

TION ON THE TWO PRESENT LAGOONS PD THERE WILL BE /THOUGH I AM NOT

CERTAIN AS TO AMOUNT/ ADDITIONAL POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO THIS COURSE

WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT WE SHOULD GO TO A THIRD ATOLL ONLY IF WE

CANNOT CARRY OUT IN A REASONABLE TIME THE OPERATION IN THE TWO

ATOLLS PD I DO WISH TO SEE AND TALK TO THE TASK FORCE ON THE MATTER OF

TAONGI COSTS AS SOON AS I RECEIVE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM

JOHNSON AND REEVES CMR BUT BELIEVE THAT WE MUST PROCEED IN THE

INTERIM ON THE BASIS OF TWO SOLUTIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS I CAN

SECURE A DECISION ON THIS MATTER PD ONE SOLUTION /WHICH I STILL

BELIEVE IS THE MORE PROBABLE/ IS THAT WE WILL USE ONLY ENIETOK AND

BIKINI PD THE ALTERNATE WOULD BE THE USE OF TAONGI PD

PARAGRAPH I REQUEST CMR THEREFORE CMR THAT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

YOU RESCREEN THE LIST OF SHOTS EARLIER SUBMITTED GIVING

CONSIDERATION TO THE ABOVE PD I WOULD HOPE

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THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SHOTS COULD BE HELD TO THE ORDER OF THE
 FIVE WITH FOUR TO FIVE OF THESE BEING HIGH ALTITUDE OR MILITARY
 EFFECTS SHOTS PD THIS WOULD LEAVE OF THE ORDER OF TWENTY SHOTS FOR
 THE TWO LABORATORIES PD IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR SCREENING CMM THERE-
 FORE CMM I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OPINION OF YOUR ABILITY TO CONDUCT
 AN EFFECTIVE AND ADEQUATE TEST PROGRAM IF EACH LABORATORY WERE TO
 PLAN AS OF THE PRESENT ON THE BASIS OF TEN SHOTS EACH PD IF THIS IS
 NOT ADEQUATE AND SOME OTHER HIGHER NUMBER IS REQUIRED TO SECURE
 AN EFFECTIVE AND ADEQUATE PROGRAM CMM I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NATURE
 OF THE INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE LOST BY HOLDING TO THIS FIGURE OF
 TEN APIECE PD I REALIZE THAT AS TIME PROGRESSES IT MAY BE NECESSARY
 TO ADD A SHOT OR TWO AS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST BUT THIS SHOULD
 BE BASED ON ADDED INFORMATION NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE END REF MA
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