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Dear Dr. Johnson:

I was glad to receive your letter of 10 December along with the
inclosures concerning your proposed survey of Taongi Atoll. This
correspondence was forwarded to me by Dr. Conlan Felt in a letter
dated 21 December.

As you know, I agree with you that it would be well to determine
whether Taongi could be economically developed as a third test site at
the Ammunition Proving Ground. I cannot support your study with funds,
however, and I recommend you submit your request through Atomic Energy
Commission channels for the establishment of policy and for the provi-
sion of appropriated funds. Joint Task Force SEVEN is prepared to
assist you through the DOD with such auxiliary logistic support in
conducting this feasibility study as may be justified and within DOD
capability. Along this line, we have asked the Air Force to make the
aerial survey of Taongi by 20 January as requested by Mr. Walter Gibbons.
So far as we know now this survey will be made. Further, we now plan
to route an ATF, under Commander, Task Group 7.3, by Taongi Atoll in
February of this year. If you are able to obtain the \$18,000 required
for the Scripps Institute contract, we will make every effort to provide
for the Navy UDT unit and for other logistic support related to fulfill-
ment of this contract.

Please be assured that all personnel of my command are available to
offer all possible technical assistance.

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Sincerely yours,

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