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TO : Dr. C. L. Dunham, Director
Division of Biology and Medicine

DATE: FEB 11 1959

FROM : Brig. General Alfred D. Starbird, USA
Director of Military Application

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT BY DIVISION OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE ON
SCIENTISTS' USE OF ENIWETOK MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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Attention: K. W. Weichold

Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 4, 1959, on the above subject.

The Division of Military Application certainly has no objection to the program DBM proposes for use of the Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory.

On February 11, Lt. Colonel Josephson discussed your proposed press release with Dr. Wallen, DBM, and pointed out these matters for DBM consideration:

- A. Transportation Costs. Reimbursement to MATS is now required for transportation from Travis AFB, California or Honolulu, to and from the EPG. (At present the JTF-7 is paying this cost for AEC personnel travelling in connection with test affairs.)
- B. Operational Costs. The operating costs for marine transportation vehicles, etc. required by your research personnel may be substantial. A funding arrangement between DBM and DMA can be worked out, however.
- C. Living Costs. Though \$1.50 is the amount which personnel pay for their food and lodging while in EPG, the actual cost is higher, and is subsidized by the AEC. I believe it is inadvisable to cite the \$1.50 "cost of living" in your proposed release of information.

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- D. Number of Personnel Involved. I suspect that the number of personnel involved will be small, and can be handled conveniently during the interim period between test operations. On the other hand, during the buildup period for actual tests, and during test periods, quarters, messing services, transportation, etc., are heavily taxed and it is unlikely that we could accomodate extra personnel.

I understand that Dr. Seymour will return to DBM about February 18 and that Dr. Wallen wishes to discuss the matter in greater detail with him and with Lt. Colonel Josephson. A DMA representative will be happy to assist you in resolving any other problem which you may have in connection with this program and its press release.