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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Manager of Operations  
New York Operations Office  
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission  
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TO: Mr. Merrill Eisenbud  
Director, Health and Safety Laboratory  
New York Operations Office  
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission

1. Recently this command completed a series of atomic tests at the Pacific Proving Grounds. During such tests one of the critical factors which must be considered is the degree of radioactive contamination introduced into populated areas relatively remote to the proving grounds.
2. Prior to this series of tests you requested certain services from my command to assist you in completely documenting the Pacific area during the tests. In exchange for this support, your contribution in providing the necessary instruments, instruction and procedures for rapid aerial surveys of the Marshall Islands was outstanding and worthy of this individual mention. In addition, your ground monitoring and reporting system was a real service in providing timely positive information on selected near and distant areas. As a further contribution you made available special radiation survey instruments which were used to considerable advantage in the task force cloud tracking operations following each atomic detonation.
3. It is a pleasure to extend my appreciation to you and your staff for your direct contribution to my command. In particular, I desire to extend my appreciation to Mr. Alfred J. Breslin and Mr. Melvin E. Cassidy whose effective handling of the administrative and instrumental details made possible the successful completion of our mutual interests. Undoubtedly there were many others involved with whom we have not had direct contact.

  
P. W. CLARKSON  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commander

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