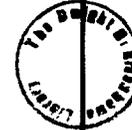


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Dear Bobby:

I am delighted to know from your letter of April 28 that you and some of your staff, as well as Planning Board and Operations Coordinating Board members, will see one of our Nevada tests this summer. Interesting events are being scheduled for June 15 and 27, July 9 and 25, and August 8. I suggest the second, since the yield is relatively large, there will be interesting experiments that can be viewed before and possibly after firing, and the test is less subject to weather delays than some others.

We expect to provide air round-trip transportation from Washington and on-site briefings tailored to your interests and clearances. It would facilitate our plans and arrangements if you could go in a single group rather than several.

If some of your group cannot accept, their deputies or alternates will be welcome.

Departure from Washington can be set for the afternoon of the second day preceding the test - which usually occurs at dawn - and return the day of the test for a minimum absence of 2 1/2 days. This allows for a day of on-site inspection and briefings, plus one evening in Las Vegas - but does not take into account commercial transportation or test delays.

Although we are tentatively holding on-site accommodations, you may wish to stay in Las Vegas some 90 minutes distant by car. Either way, we should know the date or dates, and whether a single or several groups, as soon as you can decide. When we have your guest list and date, we will send additional information to each individual.

My assistant, Captain Morse, is coordinating the trip and will accompany you. He is available now for any assistance you may wish in planning.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Lewis

Lewis L. Strauss

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