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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 20, 1956

Dear Admiral Hanlon:

The Federal Civil Defense Administrator, Mr. Val Peterson, has requested that a member of his staff be assigned to the Joint Task Force as an observer throughout Operation REDWING. Through such an assignment, Mr. Peterson believes his staff could maintain the continuity of information on the effects of present and future weapons that is required for civil defense planning.

The individual proposed for assignment is Mr. Wilmer W. Schroebel. Mr. Schroebel has had previous experience in weapons tests, and during Operation TEAPOT he functioned as an operation officer under the Director, Federal Civil Defense Administration Atomic Test Operations. He would be happy to serve as a working staff member in any capacity you might designate. All reports prepared by Mr. Schroebel for the Federal Civil Defense Administration would be submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission through normal Task Force channels.

Under the terms of a memorandum "Dissemination of Data obtained from Weapons Test and Supporting Projects to the Federal Civil Defense Administration," from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project dated July 2, 1954, Mr. Schroebel can be granted access to any weapons effects information which will not disclose:

- a. Status of development of weapons. (This should not be construed as preventing the furnishing of information on the yields of test weapons or devices when this is necessary in order adequately to convey weapons effects information to Federal Civil Defense Administration, as long as the exact nature of the weapon or device is not revealed.)
- b. Specific U.S. capability, or number of weapons in stockpile.
- c. Weapons design
- d. Weapons production rate
- e. Planned operational use of weapons

The Commission concurs in the desirability of having a Federal Civil Defense Administration observer present during the entire test operation. We, therefore, request that you consider the attachment of Mr. Schroebel to your staff or to

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the staff of the Commander Scientific Test Group (CTG 7.1),  
and advise us of your decision in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Lewis L. Strauss  
Chairman

Rear Admiral B. H. Hanlon, USN  
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN  
Washington 25, D. C.

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