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TO : Brig. Gen. Alfred D. Starbird, Director
Division of Military Application

DATE: January 24, 1958

FROM : *for* W. B. McCool, Secretary *Harold D. Quamosa*

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SUBJECT: COMMISSION DECISION ON AEC 952/28 - OPERATION HARDTACK TEST PROGRAM,
AND AEC 952/29 - ADDENDUM TO AEC 952/28

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1. This will confirm our telephone notification to your office on January 23, that at Meeting 1325 on January 22, the Commission:

- a. Approved the revised HARDTACK test program as contained in Appendix "A", and as revised by the recommendation of AEC 952/29;
- b. Approved conducting Operation MILLRACE, consisting of some 4 underground nuclear tests as indicated in Appendix "A" to AEC 952/28, as revised, in fall 1958 at the Nevada Test Site;
- c. Approved conducting some ten one-point safety tests at NTS in 1958;
- d. Approved the expenditure of special nuclear materials up to the amounts given in Appendix "B" to AEC 952/28, for the HARDTACK and MILLRACE tests and for the one-point safety tests at NTS;
- e. Noted that the list of shots and their objectives, for the HARDTACK and MILLRACE tests and for the one-point safety tests at NTS, will be submitted to the President by letter such as that in Appendix "C" to AEC 952/28, as revised. This letter also requests authority to expend the special nuclear materials required for these tests;
- f. Noted that the Department of Defense will be informed of the approved test program by letter to the Military Liaison Committee such as that in Appendix "D" to AEC 952/28, as revised;
- g. Noted that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy will be informed of the approved test program by letter such as that in Appendix "E", to AEC 952/28, as revised, after receiving Presidential authorization to expend the necessary special nuclear materials;

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h. Noted that the Department of State will be informed of the latest test plans by appropriate letter after receiving Presidential authorization to expend the necessary special nuclear materials; and

i. Noted that the Federal Civil Defense Administration will be informed of the test plans by appropriate letter after receiving Presidential authorization to expend the necessary special nuclear materials.

2. The General Manager has directed that you take the action necessary to implement this decision. You will recall that the Commissioners requested that the letter to the President contain a statement on the amount of offsite fallout expected to result from Operation HARDTACK.

3. This will also confirm our understanding that your office will prepare the letters to the President, DOD, JCAE, Department of State and FCDA. Copies of all pertinent correspondence should be provided this office.

cc: General Manager
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