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Dear General Loper:

To meet requirements of the atomic weapons research and development program and of the Department of Defense weapons effects program, a series of atomic tests at the Pacific Proving Ground, commencing May 1, 1956, and designated Operation REDWING has been approved by the Commission.

The final detailed test program, which is not yet completely firm, will be available late this year. Though later changes are possible, present plans envisage fourteen shots, with a possibility that two or more additional shots will be required to carry out the objectives of the program now visualized. The special military weapons effects test for the determination of certain information urgently needed by the Services, which you requested in your letter of July 27, 1955, has been incorporated into the REDWING program.

As has been the practice in latest operations at the Pacific Proving Ground, the Commission intends to designate the Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN, as the Senior AEC Representative during the operational phase of REDWING.

Your comments on, and assurance of Department of Defense support for, this very important test program are requested. Subsequent to receipt of your comments, Presidential approval of the test series will be sought.

Sincerely yours,

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