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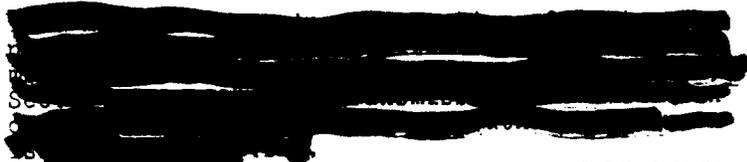
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February 8, 1956

Chairman
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
1901 Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Strauss:

In order that the Atomic Energy Commission and the Joint Chiefs of Staff may be kept informed of significant developments during the operational phase of REDWING, operational immediate messages will be sent to the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and to the Chief of Naval Operations (Executive Agent for the JCS), prior to and subsequent to each detonation, in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. D-Day minus 5 days.
- b. D-Day minus 1 day.
- c. H-Hour plus 30 minutes.
- d. 2000 hours D-Day.
- e. Daily reports after D-Day until significant information ceases.

These messages will have the following format.

- a. Pre-Shot
 - (1) Part I - Anticipated time of detonation (GCT).
 - (2) Part II - Expected weather conditions.
 - (3) Part III - Readiness of scientific programs.
 - (4) Part IV - Any other significant data of interest to the AEC and CNO.

b: Post-Shot

- (1) Part I - Yield estimate.
- (2) Part II - Success of scientific programs and recovery of data.
- (3) Part III - Radiological safety of Task Force personnel and of populated areas.
- (4) Part IV - Weather conditions.
- (5) Part V - Status of AEC installations, including damage sustained.
- (6) Part VI - Effect on schedule of subsequent operations.
- (7) Part VII - Any other significant data of interest to the AEC and CNO.

In addition to these scheduled messages, you will be informed as quickly as possible of any unexpected developments. If this plan of notification does not appear adequate, it is requested that you indicate your desires to this headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ B. Hall Hanlon

B. HALL HANLON
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander