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Dear Lewis:

I understand that, recently, Admiral Hanlon, Commander of the Task Force for the "Redwing" Tests, suggested to you that the United States might consider inviting the British to use the Pacific Proving Grounds for their 1957 tests, instead of using their Christmas Island area as presently contemplated.

I have been informed that you and Admiral Radford both believe that it would not be advisable for the United States to make such an offer. We here consider that there would be a net political disadvantage to the United States in making such an offer at the present time and therefore concur with the views of Admiral Radford and yourself that it should not be made.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary

The Honorable
Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman, United States
Atomic Energy Commission

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