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W. B. McCool

Secretary

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Dear Mr. Strauss:

The Department of Defense, in keeping with the provisions of the United States bilateral agreements for mutual defense purposes with the United Kingdom and Canada, plans to invite ten members (including five Canadian) of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, Canada - United States, and five observers each from Canada and the United Kingdom to attend Operation REDWING. Provision of the ten spaces for the United Kingdom and Canada will come from the Department of Defense allocation. The provision of the ten spaces for the Permanent Joint Board on Defense will be in addition to the Department of Defense and Atomic Energy Commission allocation. It is not intended that other nations with whom the United States has a mutual defense pact be authorized to have observers at this exercise.

Dissemination of atomic information to the foreign observers will be within the provisions of Section 144b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, and subject to the appropriate procedures that have been established and are now operating pertaining to the necessary joint determinations required by Section 144b.

I would appreciate your early comment on this procedure in order that the Department of Defense may proceed with the necessary invitations. The Chairman, Military Liaison Committee will coordinate with you the further details of the overall observer program.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Reuben B. Robertson Jr.

Deputy

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman,
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

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