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Major General A. R. Luedecke, USAF
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Luedecke:

Your letter of August 20, 1957 to General Starbird requested concurrence in a proposal that no requirement be imposed for an additional destruct system in the REDSTONE missiles which are to be employed in Operation HARDTACK. [redacted] In his responding letter of September 17, 1957, General Starbird advised you that he would prefer withholding concurrence pending receipt and review of a report on the safety aspects of the UHA and VHA-prime shots which were then under study by a working group composed of representatives of AFSWP, AFMA and Sandia Corporation. We have received a copy of the report of this working group within the past few days, and I note that the distribution of the report includes your headquarters.

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On Page VI-1 of the above referenced report it is concluded that:

> "The probability of a nuclear detonation which would be hazardous to any point on the earth's surface is conservatively estimated not to exceed one in ten million - this probability existing only within the immediate area of Bikini Atoll."

I accept this conclusion, and I concur in not imposing a requirement for an additional destruct system in the REDSTONE missiles which are to be employed at Operation HARDTACK.

Sincerely yours,

General Manager

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