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TEST PROGRAM FOR OPERATION HARDTACK

Note by the Secretary

The General Manager has requested that the attached letter from the Chairman, MLC, be circulated for the information of the Commission. The attachment has been referred to the Division of Military Application.

W. B. McCool
Secretary

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December 5, 1957

Dear Mr. Strauss:

As was indicated in the third paragraph of my letter to you, dated 22 November 1957* regarding the HARDTACK Program, the Department of Defense has the following additional comments and recommendations to make concerning that Operation:

With regard to the test program, the shot list appears to cover adequately the important weapons and exploratory guidance requirements of the Department of Defense with one important exception. [redacted] Information is requested as to the manner whereby you intend to meet this requirement. It is also noted that two devices leading to the warhead for the POLARIS missile

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If the review of the listed shots by the General Advisory Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission results in any deletion from the list, it is requested that the Department of Defense be advised.

The proposed conduct of two or three underground shots at the Nevada Test Site, subsequent to the HARDTACK series, is noted with interest. Correspondence will be initiated, at a later date, by the Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, regarding the obtainment of needed weapons effects data through participation on these shots by selected agencies of the Department of Defense.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Herbert B. Loper

Herbert B. Loper
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Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
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