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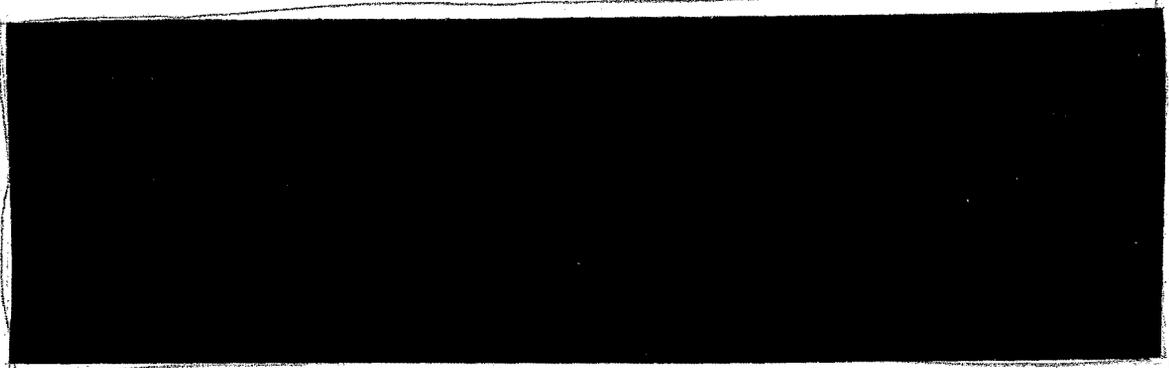
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Subject: LETTER TO THE MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE
REGARDING A BOMB TEST PROGRAM

1. Both the Military Liaison Committee and the General Advisory Committee are looking to the Commission to initiate the action necessary to commence serious work on a bomb test program. No dissent has reached me as to the necessity for such a program; on the contrary, it is the consensus that such tests are vital.

2. Los Alamos wishes to prepare for three explosions:



3. Any tests in the near future should be as simple as possible. Crossroads was, from the scientific point of view, a test of an atomic explosion on naval and military materiel. Also, Crossroads was far more expensive than we can probably again afford. In any event, the urgent requirement now is to determine the characteristics of some new bomb types, not the material damage caused by atomic explosions.

4. A publicity program will be required. Its objective should be minimum fanfare.

5. The attached draft letter to the Military Liaison Committee is proposed as a first step toward coordination with the Armed Forces, whose collaboration will be necessary and who have a vital interest in the results of these tests.

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