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Honorable Robert LeBaron
Chairman, Military Liaison Committee

MEMORANDUM FOR The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Full Scale Weapons Test of 1952

In the Fall of 1951, the weapons development plans of the Los Alamos Scientific Research Laboratory have received the attached letter from the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, dated 15 August 1951, with regard to the postponement to Winter 1952-1953 of a full scale atomic weapons test at Enewetak Proving Ground originally scheduled in Spring 1952, which is self-explanatory.

As you know, Attachment 2 is a recommended draft to Commander, Joint Task Force 132, via Chief of Staff, United States Army, Executive Agent, notifying the Commander, Joint Task Force 132, of the postponement of the full scale weapons test at Enewetak, Spring of 1952 until Winter of 1953. At our Nevada Proving Grounds, we will require tests until mission weapons tests until next year.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:
Informally we understand that JTF-132 has already been activated to assume the residual responsibilities of JTF-131, as well as to furnish the support we requested for the next American test. In regard to planning, we suggest that this change be a let's date as far as possible in the attention of the Commander, JTF-132.

WM. B. KIEFFER
Sincere
Colonel, USAF
Act. Exec. Secretary
Joint Task Force 132

2 Incls:

1. Copy of AEC ltr to MLC
dtd 15 Aug 1951
2. Draft memo to Cdr., JTF-132

WITH ATTACHMENTS

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