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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN McCONE

THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: FUTURE STATUS OF ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND

The AEC and Department of Defense established agreement last fall that the Eniwetok Proving Ground (EPG) activities could be reduced in scope to a 12-month readiness status. In March of this year another AEC-DoD Joint Study Group reappraised the requirement for the EPG. The report of that Study Group concludes, in part, that activity at EPG should now be further reduced to only caretaker status (Tab A, Para A, Page 7). In substance this would mean declaring as excess the equipment and supplies now stored at EPG to meet the requirement of possible test resumption on 12-month notice, and reducing the number of personnel out there to only those required to protect the plant investment.

As you know we would like to go one step further at an early date, and interdepartmentally transfer the EPG to the DoD; such a proposal was made informally to [illegible] Loper and is now under study within the DoD.

The proposed letter at Tab B requests DoD concurrence in the removal of a 12-month readiness requirement at EPG so that we can place it in caretaker status without delay. This letter also points out the significance of an early decision if DoD wishes to take over EPG.

It is recommended that the Chairman sign the letter attached at Tab B addressed to the Secretary of Defense.

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Attachments:
Tab A: Report of Study Group
Tab B: Proposed ltr to DoD

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