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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.*R*

3 October 1966.

To: The Chief of Naval Operations,
Attn: The Motion Picture Board of Review.

Subj: Official Technical Documentary Film of OPERATION CROSSHAIR,
Request for production.

1. It is requested that an official, technical documentary film of OPERATION CROSSHAIR be prepared, having as the primary purpose the provision of an accurate, highly informative, visual record of the atomic bomb experiments. This film would be for immediate use and for future training and study.
2. The projected film will position, supplement and illustrate the official written history of Joint Task Force One. It will further serve to acquaint the President of the United States, the Congress, and the higher echelons of the armed services with the full scope of the contemplated operations.
3. It will be a vehicle for scientific study, for technical analysis and for the rapid indoctrination of personnel at the various war colleges and staff schools of the armed services. Definitive requirements for a film of such proportion has been established.
4. This documentary will be one of the principal historical compilations of the operation and will have a detailed technical accuracy not possible with smaller film releases.
5. Selected stories will be developed by Captain L. G. Gandy, USAF, and Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Thompson, USAF. The script writer and producer will be Major, Capt. James E. Koch, USA.
6. Attention and interest will be carefully directed to each of the ~~selected~~ ~~stories~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~order~~ ~~to~~ ~~enhance~~ ~~the~~ ~~high~~ ~~technical~~ ~~and~~ ~~scientific~~ ~~importance~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~film~~ ~~and~~ ~~ensure~~ ~~a~~ ~~quality~~ ~~film~~.
7. Story segments in this film will be an excellent survey document from which Joint Force leaders and historians, scientists, production will be directed toward attainment of historical accuracy and dramatic quality.
8. Six months' production time is anticipated for a film of this proposed composition. The film will be produced at the Joint Task Force One, Washington, D. C., with a working title of JOINT TASK FORCE ONE - CROSSHAIR. Approximate running time of the film will be 70 minutes.

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9. The approximate number of 35mm sound prints required will be not less than 50.
10. Services required will include animation, editing, titling, sound track and one photographic negative. The chief source of required footage is already at the Naval Photographic Center. The film will make further use of footage acquired by the newsreel and television units and footage in the central and regional files of the Industrial Engineering District and the armed services.
11. The classification of the film will be top secret until a finished working print is submitted for review at the time of final editing.
12. It is requested that a top priority be given this film project.

W. E. P. Black,
Commander, Joint Task Force One.