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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of April 9, 1959, in answer to my letter of March 7, 1959, nominated Brig. Gen. A. D. Starbird as the AEC representative.

I have promulgated the inclosed memorandum addressed to the Commander, Joint Task Force Seven and the Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. Would you make it available for General Starbird's use?

I would suggest that General Starbird establish contact with the other two representatives to arrange for the necessary meetings and study that they have been asked to produce.

Sincerely yours,

Donald A. Quarles

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Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[illegible] Joint Task Force Seven
[illegible] Forces Special Weapons Project

SUBJECT: [illegible] Future Test Operations (U)

REFERENCES: [illegible] Chairman, AEC, from Deputy [illegible] of Defense dated 7 March 1959

[illegible] Chairman, AEC, to Deputy [illegible] of Defense dated 9 April 1959

[illegible] for [illegible] Anderson and [illegible] subject [illegible] above, from [illegible] dated 17 March 1959

From NMB-5

By Reference (a) the Deputy Secretary of Defense proposed that the Atomic Energy Commission designate a representative to a study group to [illegible] by which military responsibilities for [illegible] can be properly and effectively related to AEC [illegible] the proper organization to conduct [illegible] of existing Atomic Energy Commission [illegible] agreements that pertain to testing.

By Reference (b) the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, endorsed the proposal of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and designated Brig. General Alfred [illegible] as the AEC representative.

By Reference (c) the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy) outlined the factors bearing on organization and planning for atomic tests and this will serve as the initial guidance for the group.

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The Group will report their findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for further consideration. It is recommended that the findings of the Group will be considered by the Atomic Weapons Policy Council prior to approval by the Secretary of Defense.

It is requested that the arrangements be made to keep a designated representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff informed of the progress of the negotiations and inform him of the schedule for the group meetings so that he may attend if he wishes. This will serve to expedite JCS consideration of the recommendations of the study group and will provide a mechanism for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide the group such guidance as they consider appropriate.

The Group may organize in any way they see fit to accomplish their task.

Signed
DONALD A. QUARLES
Deputy

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CC: Chief, AFOAT
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