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Dear Dr. Johnson:

I was glad to receive your letter of 10 December along with the inclosures concerning your proposed survey of Taongi Atoll. This correspondence was forwarded to me by Dr. Gaelen Felt in a letter dated 21 December.

As you know, I agree with you that it would be well to determine whether Taongi could be economically developed as a third test site at the Eniwetok Proving Ground. I cannot support your study with funds, however, and I recommend you submit your request through Atomic Energy Commission channels for the establishment of policy and for the provision of appropriated funds. Joint Task Force SEVEN is prepared to assist you through the DOD with such ancillary logistic support in conducting this feasibility study as may be justified and within DOD capability. Along this line, we have asked the Air Force to make the aerial survey of Taongi by 20 January as requested by Mr. Walter Gibbons. So far as we know now this survey will be made. Further, we now plan to route an ATF, under Commander, Task Group 7.3, by Taongi Atoll in February of this year. If you are able to obtain the $18,000 required for the Scripps Institute contract, we will make every effort to provide for the Navy UDT unit and for other logistic support related to fulfillment of this contract.

Please be assured that all personnel of my command are available to offer all possible technical assistance.

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Sincerely yours,

B. HALL HANLON
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