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Dear General Loper:

The Atomic Energy Commission has approved, and requests your concurrence in, the test program for Operation HARDTACK, to be conducted at the Kiviutok Proving Ground commencing on or about April 15, 1958. The General Advisory Committee to the ASC will review the laboratories' exploratory and developmental tests to determine if any can be deleted without the loss of essential scientific information.

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Five shots in the program are weapons effects tests for the Department of Defense.

The necessity for this demonstration shot is currently being considered by the Commission.

In addition to these shots planned for firing at the EPG, there will be certain shots fired at the MTS, both prior to and following the HARDTACK operation.

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The radioactive products of these tests will be completely contained underground.

The Commission intends to designate the Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN, as the Senior ASC Representative at the EPG during the operational phase of HARDTACK. Your concurrence in this designation is requested.

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Hon. Herbert B. Loper

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We request your comments on, and assurance of Department of Defense support for, Operation BARDACK. Upon receipt of your comments, we will inform the President of our plans and request authority to expand the necessary nuclear materials for the two safety tests at the NTS later this year.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

Attachment:  
BARDACK Test Program

Honorable Herbert B. Loper  
Chairman, Military Liaison Committee

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