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Lt. General L. H. Brereton, Chairman
Military Liaison Committee
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Dear General Brereton:

The Atomic Energy Commission, after consultation with General Hill, has considered carefully the question of relationships and responsibilities as between the Task Force Commander and the directors of Commission activities at the forthcoming tests in the Pacific, and has concluded that best organizational success can be expected if the Commission's Director is placed under the military commander for those aspects of command and control necessary for integration of the operation as a whole.

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We would designate the Commission's senior representative as Test Director, stipulating that:

- a. Primary responsibility for direction of technical test activities and technical policy in connection therewith rests with the Test Director, the agreed primary mission of the military forces being to support the technical test.
- b. The channel between the military commander and the Test Director be direct, the military staff having no responsibility for coordinating the technical activities of the Test Director's organization.

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We foresee that the vast majority of the work to be done can be successfully accomplished only through mutual agreement and coordinate staff work; we do not wish to inhibit such collaboration. We do wish, however, to insure freedom in technical matters for the Commission's representative, while not prejudicing the authority of the military commander in those matters where control by him is necessary for reasons beyond the sphere of responsibility of the Atomic Energy Commission.

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Will your Committee please confirm that the military establishment agrees with the Commission's views above?

Sincerely yours,

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