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April 28, 1953

Chief of Naval Operations
Department of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 5, 1953, subject "Danger Area for CASTLE" and subsequent letter, same subject dated April 9, 1953.

In reply to the request contained in your January 5, 1953 letter that the Atomic Energy Commission determine the date for establishing the new danger area around the Pacific Proving Grounds, we wish to fix July 1, 1953 as that date. The danger area should comprise the area bounded by the meridians 160° 35' - 166° 16' east longitude, and by the parallels 10°15' - 12°45' north latitude as agreed to in your letter of April 9, 1953.

It is suggested that the Commander, Joint Task Force Seven be contacted to determine when, for operational reasons, active security measures should be undertaken for safeguarding the area.

Sincerely yours,

K. E. Fields
Brigadier General, USA
Director of Military Application

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