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Rear Admiral B. Hall Hanlon, Commander
Joint Task Force Seven
12th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hanlon:

The visit to the Pacific Proving Ground of uncleared observers from the Federal Civil Defense Administration and the U. S. news media will present you with certain problems of security control. This letter is intended to outline the delegations of authority made to you in this regard and to provide you with certain guidance that may be of assistance.

The Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission have jointly agreed that the responsibility for assuring that uncleared observers receive no access to classified information must be, and is hereby, delegated to you. The Department and the Commission will make available to you information service, classification, and security specialists to provide such assistance as you require. The names of individuals concerned and their field of interest will be communicated to you at the earliest possible time. Should you require additional assistance, we request that you call upon us as early as possible.

The observers concerned will require no security clearance for this program and hence will not be entitled to classified information. Nevertheless, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense will establish their reliability by the following means:

a. FCDA Personnel

The FCDA will certify that designated personnel are good security risks. These certifications will be sent to your rear headquarters by the AEC so that invitational orders may be issued.

b. News Media Representatives

The DOD will furnish accreditations for all news media representatives. These accreditations will be sent to your rear headquarters by the DOD or the CNO.

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All observers will be required to sign agreements aimed at assuring their compliance with the rules of safety and security you may establish. This agreement will provide that violation of the rules may result in the expulsion of the offender.

Certain restrictions must, in our opinion, be applied in connection with observation by these uncleared individuals:

- a. No binoculars should be permitted in the forward area.
- b. No photography which discloses classified information should be permitted. Photography on shot days should be prohibited between shot time and shot time plus 15 seconds, except for monitored photography of personnel and shipboard scenes and locations away from zero point.
- c. Observers can be informed that delivery will be by an air drop, without divulging any weapon or drop characteristics.
- d. Observers can be informed that the detonation is one of several megatons but without statement or implication as to a more exact yield.
- e. Observers can be informed that the operation over-all is termed REDWING but, of course, without details as to the number of shots or the nature of future shots.
- f. Tours which are planned should be conducted in such manner as to disclose no classified information.

It is our understanding that detailed arrangements are being made with respect to the following:

a. Security Briefing

Security briefing of this group should be held at Honolulu upon assembly. This briefing should include explanations of the use of badges, identification media, photography, the projected itinerary, the fact that on each tour security escorts will be furnished and the functions of the escorts, and the types of equipment or other articles permitted. Subsequent security briefings should take place on board the Mt. McKinley and prior to each tour. Emphasis in security briefings should be placed on compliance with agreements signed by news media representatives. All briefing materials will be reviewed in advance by the Atomic Energy Commission classification and Department of Defense security review officers.

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b. Identification Cards

Appropriate identification cards should be furnished to all members of this group.

c. Badges

Each member of the group should be furnished a badge which will definitely identify him as such. This badge should be worn by such personnel at all times while on board ship or in the course of any trip to any island or atoll.

The Department of Defense concurs with the contents of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

K. E. Fields
General Manager

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Approved by: [Signature] A.B.U.
Special Agent in Charge

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