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FOR ANDERSON INFO HERTFORD, BRADBURY AND TELLER FROM STARBIRD
REFERENCE YOUR 032150Z (MOTAL) WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON YOUR PLANS TO HOLD A REQUIREMENTS CONFERENCE AT JOINT
TASK FORCE SEVEN HEADQUARTERS, ARLINGTON HALL STATION, ON 10 MARCH
1959, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING SPECIFIC PLANNING FACTORS TO
ENABLE FORMULATION OF A DETAILED OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE POSSIBLE
CONDUCT OF A HURRY-UP OPEN-SEA ATOMIC TEST SERIES AS DISCUSSED AT THE
MEETING AT ALOO HEADQUARTERS ON 28 JANUARY 1959.

PARA. WE ARE GENERALLY IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE
CONFERENCE. IN RECOGNITION OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION MIGHT DEVELOP IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE COULD CONDUCT AN OVERSEAS
OPERATION IN THE ATMOSPHERE BUT WITH THE RESTRICTIONS OF (A) NOT BEING ABLE
TO UTILIZE THE ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND, AND (B) CONDUCTING THE OPERATION
IN AS SHORT A TIME PERIOD AS POSSIBLE, DMA REQUESTED ALOO TO CONVENE
A CONFERENCE ON 28 JANUARY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF LOCATIONS
OTHER THAN THE EPG. AT THAT CONFERENCE IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT

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THE ONLY FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE EPG WAS THE OPEN-SEA AREA GENERALLY SOUTH OF THE ISLAND OF HAWAII IN THE HAWAIIAN CHAIN. IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT SEVERAL TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SUCH AN OPERATION SHOULD BE FURTHER EXPLORED IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THE PRACTICALITY OF THIS OPERATION.

PARA. CONSEQUENTLY, ON 18 FEBRUARY 1959, DMA IN TWX (REF MAT:SWJ, INFO JTF-7) DIRECTED ALOO TO "EXPLORE FURTHER THE USE OF PEARL HARBOR AND HILO WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS ON THE HOT-DRY RUN REQUIREMENT."

PARA. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, IF SUCH AN OPERATION WERE TO BE CONDUCTED IN EXPEDITED TIME SCALES, THE COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ENABLE THE FORMULATION OF A SPECIFIC DETAILED OPERATIONS PLAN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO FURNISH THE COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN WITH ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PLANNING FACTORS FOR THE FORMULATION OF A DETAILED OPERATIONS PLAN.

PARA. IN COMPLYING WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY APPLICATION IN HIS FEBRUARY 18 TELETYPE, THE MANAGER OF THE ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE HAS PROPOSED THAT A SMALL TEAM OF TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE VISIT THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF DMA, ALOO, AND JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN,

IT WAS	STATED BY JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN PERSONNEL THAT THEY FELT THAT			
SUMMARY	OFFICIAL APPROACH TO THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDERS IN THE			
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HAWAIIAN AREA FOR THE VISIT OF SUCH A TEAM BE MADE UNDER JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN ASPICES. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD PROVIDE A SINGLE AND A PROPER CHANNEL OF APPROACH, DMA CONCURRED IN THIS PROPOSAL AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT STAFF DISCUSSIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY TO SELECT THE TIME OF THIS VISIT. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PARA. SINCE THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRACTICALITY OF SUCH AN OPERATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE FACTORS AND KNOWLEDGE HOPEFULLY TO BE OBTAINED BY THIS SURVEY IN THE AREA, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE CONFERENCE PROPOSED FOR MARCH 10 BE DELAYED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND EVALUATED.

PARA. IN ADDITION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN JOIN THE AEC SURVEY TEAM ON ITS FORTHCOMING VISIT FOR THE PURPOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE AS WELL AS A GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF HOUSING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT CONSIDERATIONS.

PARA. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT, PRIOR TO SETTING A NEW DATE FOR THE PROPOSED JTF SEVEN PLANNING CONFERENCE JTF SEVEN PROVIDE DMA WITH DETAILED INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER THAT THESE MAY BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR THE MEETING. END REF MAT:SWJ

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