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Dear Mr. Quarles:

FROM NMB - S

I fully agree with the thought expressed in your letter of March 7, 1959, that we need, at the present time, to re-examine the interrelationships of our mutual responsibilities for the conduct of any possible future overseas test operation. The present test moratorium and the uncertainty as to the future of the international negotiations with respect to a test control agreement have created new problems that may require changes in our organizational plans for the speedy and efficient mounting of an overseas test operation if authorized and necessary.

Accordingly, I endorse your proposal that we constitute a study group to consider these problems and submit to us its recommendations. I agree that such a group would appropriately consist of the Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project; the Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN; and a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission. I hereby designate Brigadier General Alfred D. Starbird, Director of Military Application, as the Atomic Energy Commission representative.

The mission of this study group would be as you have outlined it:

To study and submit recommendations as to:

(a) The proper and effective relationships of military and AEC responsibilities in the planning and conduct of overseas tests.

(b) The proper organization to conduct such tests.

(c) The adequacy of existing AEC-DOD agreements pertaining to such tests.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John A. McCone
Chairman

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Honorable Donald A. Quarles
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