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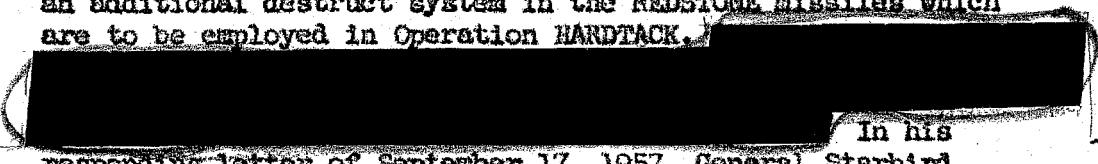
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Major General A. R. Luedcke, USAF  
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Luedcke:

Your letter of August 20, 1957 to General Starbird requested concurrence in a proposal that no requirement be imposed for an additional destruct system in the REDSTONE missiles which are to be employed in Operation HARDTACK.



In his responding letter of September 17, 1957, General Starbird advised you that he would prefer withholding concurrence pending receipt and review of a report on the safety aspects of the UHA and VHA-prime shots which were then under study by a working group composed of representatives of AFSWP, AEMA and Sandia Corporation. We have received a copy of the report of this working group within the past few days, and I note that the distribution of the report includes your headquarters.

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On Page VI-1 of the above referenced report it is concluded that:

"The probability of a nuclear detonation which would be hazardous to any point on the earth's surface is conservatively estimated not to exceed one in ten million - this probability existing only within the immediate area of Bikini Atoll."

I accept this conclusion, and I concur in not imposing a requirement for an additional destruct system in the REDSTONE missiles which are to be employed at Operation HARDTACK.

Sincerely yours,

General Manager

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