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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE  
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June 4, 1958

Dear Mr. Strauss:

In view of the present uncertainty concerning weapon tests after completion of HARDTACK, the Department of Defense is concerned with the impact that a lapse or discontinuation of testing might have on the various weapons under development. On reviewing the various programs, it is apparent that the Atomic Energy Commission weapon laboratories have made an extensive and highly commendable effort to meet the very wide variety of DOD requirements, however, it appears now that certain additional tests should be included in the HARDTACK series. These additional tests fall within three categories:

- a. Sufficient tests to provide proven, suitable and safe primaries;
- b. Tests of devices which meet the size requirements of the majority of the desired applications;
- c. Tests to provide proof of operation and effects data for the fractional kiloton weapons.

The conclusion that these types of tests are necessary is based on information presently available to the Department of Defense. Therefore, the DOD recommends that Operation HARDTACK be expanded to include the following tests unless there are substantial reasons to the contrary:



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It is understood that the Commission will submit a request for authorization of MILLRACE to the President in the near future. In the event of Presidential approval, certain of the above tests could be included in that series provided the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission objectives can be achieved at the Nevada Test Site. Until Presidential approval of MILLRACE is obtained, the DOD adheres to the view that these tests must be included in HARDTACK.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Herbert B. Loper  
Chairman

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss  
Chairman  
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