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TO : A. R. Luedcke  
General Manager

DATE: May 26, 1960

FROM : Brig. General Alfred D. Starbird, USA  
Director of Military Application

*Secretariat for.*

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF AEC FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT AT ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND

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In accordance with AEC Manual Chapter 9112-032, this is to notify you of my intention to terminate that portion of the current Holmes and Narver Contract No. AT(29-2)-20, covering the operation of the Eniwetok Proving Grounds.

On April 22, 1960\* Chairman McCone advised the Secretary of Defense of AEC's intention to place the EPG in a caretaker status and asked whether the DOD would be interested in obtaining the facility and equipment for its use, with inter-agency transfer to be made on a non-reimbursable basis. On May 16, the Secretary of Defense replied that DOD has a requirement for the area as an addition to its Pacific Missile Range and that ALO would be contacted in the near future to make arrangements for the transfer "which we hope can be effective on July 1, 1960."

In an effort to effect the transfer as quickly as possible, preliminary meetings were held on May 23 and 24, at Albuquerque and Los Angeles, with representatives from AEC and Holmes and Narver in attendance. Another meeting is scheduled for May 25, 1960 at the Pacific Missile Range Headquarters, Point Mugu, California, with participation by AEC, Holmes and Narver and DOD.

It is expected that these meetings will result in agreement on the mechanics of the transfer of the facility and equipment. Termination proceedings will then be initiated with the AEC contractor.

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