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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE
P. O. BOX 1814
WASHINGTON 13, D.C.

June 18, 1958

Dear Mr. Strauss:

In a letter dated 5 June 1958,* the General Manager of the Atomic Energy Commission requested Military Liaison Committee concurrence in the declassification of the exact location and the exact time of the Operation HARDTACK detonations which are to be jointly announced. Except as noted below, the Department of Defense concurs in the declassification of the exact location (to the nearest second) and the exact time (to the nearest 0.1 second) of Operation HARDTACK detonations which are to be the subject of joint AEC-DOD announcements. However, release of this information concerning YUCCA, TEAK, ORANGE, WAHOO, UMBRELLA and ARGUS, in which the Department of Defense has the primary interest, may reveal additional information of significance which should be protected. It is recommended that no data for the Department of Defense shots be released until the information has been subjected to a technical review and evaluation by the Department of Defense.

It is suggested that prior to the actual release of any data on the exact time and place of the HARDTACK detonations, Dr. James B. Fisk, Chairman of the U.S. group which has been designated to discuss with the Soviets methods for policing a test moratorium, be consulted.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Herbert B. Loper
Chairman

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission

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DATE 3/22/21

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