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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

February 11, 1958

Dear Governor Hoegh:

I have received your letter of January 21, 1958* requesting additional observers for Operation HARDTACK. In his letter dated December 19, 1957, Dr. Libby informed you that we will be able to accommodate you and your deputy, Mr. Lewis E. Berry, in our official observer program and explained why the numbers on this VIP program must be severely limited. This program is still under study and the situation remains the same as when that letter was written. We will keep in mind your request and should we be able to accommodate additional observers from your staff after the official observer program is established, I will advise you immediately.

Should some of your key personnel not have an opportunity to witness an Eniwetok test I will be glad to arrange a thorough presentation for them through movies and briefings which I think will effectively acquaint them with our test procedures and provide them a better view of several detonations than would be possible through attendance as an observer.

I regret that I cannot assure you of the requested additional accommodations at this time.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Lewis L. Strauss

Chairman

Honorable Leo A. Hoegh
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