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M/R: In a note to Gen. Starbird
dtd 1/12/61, Howard Brown asks
that we provide the Chairman with
information on Hotpoint firing.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN
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THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER SIGNED, A. R. LUEDECKE FEB 6 1961

SUBJECT: HOTPOINT FIRINGS (U)

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The following information is provided in response to the Chairman's request for information concerning the HOTPOINT firings. This program involves the USAF firings of ATLAS missiles from Vandenberg AFB by Strategic Air Command crews into the Eniwetok Atoll. The missiles have Type II XV-49 warheads that contain no nuclear material and are equipped with AEC telemetry packages.

There have been five firings to date. The first four firings were not successful because of various missile malfunctions. The warhead was not involved in these malfunctions.

The fifth missile was launched on December 16, 1960 and was completely successful. The AEC (Samsia Corporation) telemetry package was recovered by Navy divers from the water in the lagoon. All monitored signals were received and the warhead responded properly.

The next shot is scheduled for mid-March.

- 1A: Addressee
- 2A: Gen. Mgr.
- 3A: Graham
- 4A: Wilson
- 5A: Olson
- 6A: JAGriffin
- 7A: DMA files
- 8A: Reader.
- 9A: Locator
- 10A: R&D Pen

(signed)
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A. W. Betts
Brigadier General, USA
Director of Military Application

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