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C. L. Marshall, Director
Division of Classification

May 26, 1958

W. B. McCool, Secretary

**COMMISSION DECISION ON AEC 952/51 - DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION
RELATING TO SHOT PINION OF OPERATION HARDTACK**

Symbol: SECY:JEA

1. This will confirm our telephone notification of May 22, 1958, that at Meeting 1376 on May 21, the Commission:

a. Determined that the declassification of the total yield, the time and location, and the scheduled date of shot PINION of Operation HARDTACK and the fact that at some unspecified previous test a five megaton total yield device was detonated would not result in serious damage to the nation or be prejudicial to the defense interest of the nation;

b. Determined that the total fission yield of that event and any information that may be derived from samples of the radioactive cloud and the fact that the device being tested is a stockpile nuclear weapon may be published without undue risk to the common defense and security;

c. Approved that declassification of the information set forth in items a through f of paragraph 2 of AEC 952/51;

d. Noted that the declassification actions recommended will not be effective until the comments and concurrence of the DOD are received. These will be sought by letter such as that attached as Appendix "A" of AEC 952/51; and

e. Noted that JCAR and GAC will be notified of this action by letter such as Appendix "B" of AEC 952/51.

2. The General Manager has directed that you take the necessary action to implement this decision. Copies of any pertinent correspondence should be provided the Office of the Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW
1. PROGRAMS (OR CL# NUMBERS)
2. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED
3. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
4. CONTAINS NO DOE CLASSIFIED INFO
5. COORDINATE WITH:
6. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
7. OTHER (SPECIFY):
1ST REVIEW DATE: 5-24-93
AUTHORITY: EAC, XAC, LAD
NAME: C. R. [Signature]
2ND REVIEW DATE: 5/14/95
AUTHORITY: ADD [Signature]
NAME:

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3. This will also confirm our understanding that the letter to the MLC has been prepared by your office.

CC: Gen. Mgr.
Asst. Gen. Mgr. for Adm.
Asst. Gen. Mgr.
Gen. Counsel
Dir. DMA
Cong. Liaison
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