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Major General P. W. Clarkson
Commander, Joint Task Force Seven
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Clarkson:

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Since the receipt of a copy of your letter of March 24, 1959, to the Chief of Staff, United States Army, the Commission has considered the desirability of establishing a personal mail censorship program at the forthcoming test operations at the Pacific Proving Grounds.

After careful consideration of the many factors involved in this problem, the Commission concurs with your recommendation, made to the Chief of Staff, United States Army, that "The policy of self-censorship of personal mail be continued without recourse to official censorship, backed up by an intensified security indoctrination and security education and examination program." In reaching this decision the Commission has attached considerable importance to the effect a censorship program would have on the morale of personnel assigned to the operation, the obvious difficulties of administering a censorship program, and the fact that such a censorship program would apparently be unique in time of peace.

The Commission relies upon the Commander of Joint Task Force Seven to carry on a security program of such nature as to preclude a repetition of the letter writing incidents which occurred at Operation IVY. In this latter regard, we believe that close adherence by all Task Force personnel to your proposed security regulations which our Division of Security has reviewed will accomplish this objective.

The Commission, of course, stands ready to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,
Original signed
Lewis E. Strauss

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Chairman

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