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 FOR TILER FROM HUSTON INFO BRAIBURY

BETHE RAISED THE QUESTION AT CAC MEETING AS TO WHY ONE CASTLE SHOT
 COULD NOT BE AIR DROPPED. HE FELT PRIMARILY THAT THIS WOULD GIVE
 VERY IMPORTANT EFFECTS INFORMATION NOT PRODUCED BY MIKE BECAUSE OF
 ITS SURFACE POSITION, BUT SECONDARILY THAT IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE OUR
 EMERGENCY CAPABILITY AND MIGHT SIMPLIFY THE TEST.

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PARAGRAPH. OUR INITIAL REACTION HERE IS THAT IT IS IN SOME WAY
 DESIRABLE, AND MIGHT BE FEASIBLE, TO DROP [REDACTED] WHICH ARE
 PRESENTLY PLANNED AS BARGE SHOTS. INFORMAL INFORMATION HERE FROM
 AIR FORCE INDICATES CAPABILITY TO DROP [REDACTED] AT CASTLE.
 BEFORE GETTING FARTHER INTO THE SUBJECT HERE, HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE TO
 DISCUSS WITH YOU BOTH THE QUESTIONS SUCH A PROPOSAL RAISES AND ITS
 EFFECT ON YOUR PROGRAM.

PARAGRAPH. I WILL ARRIVE ALBUQUERQUE ON TWA FLIGHT 99, TUESDAY,
 FEBRUARY 24, AND WOULD HOPE TO TALK TO YOU ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS
 WEDNESDAY. END REF: MAT;RNC

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