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By: TFehner

Dear Mr. Pauley:

As you will remember, the first of the 1956 series of muclear weapons tests at the Pacific Proving Ground is planned for detonation on May 1, 1956. Thereafter, five additional large yield and various low yield shots are scheduled with the large yield shots being separated one from the other by approximately two weeks. So that high Government officials and others who play key roles in our atomic preparedness program may have opportunity to witness one of the important and larger shots, six official observer trips to the Froving Ground are being scheduled. Each trip, of course, will include only a small musher of individuals in view of the limited accommodations sveilable at the Proving Ground. It is planned that a special observer aircraft will leave Washington approximately six days ahead of the scheduled date of each high yield rhot. The aircraft will proceed via Travis Air Force Base and Mawaii to Enivetoky will resain in the forward area approximately four days; and then reverse its course returning to Washington.

In view of the University's vital role in our staric weapons progres, it is our hope that you and some of the other Regents may participate in one of the observer trips. On behalf of the Commission I wish to extend an invitation to you and to them. I am resorving tentatively three spaces of our over-all allocation for such attendance.

Because of the limitation on space I would appreciate early advice as to who may be able to attend. With this information in hand a member of my staff can contact each for finall sation of plans. C.,

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Sincerely yours, Lewis L. Strauss

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