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Rear Admiral Edward M. Parker, USN
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Rear Admiral Parker:

Your confidential letter of December 2, 1957, SFPBS-92h, discussed Department of Defense interest in underground shots which may be conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission at the Nevada Test Site in calendar year 1958. The AEC is planning a limited number of underground shots during the fall of 1958 at the Nevada Test Site, and DOD participation is invited on a basis similar to that adopted for the RAINIER event in Operation FLUMMBOE.

The details of subject test program are not firm as yet. The Commission has approved the concept of several underground tests at NTS following Operation HARDTACK in the summer or fall of 1958. However, a final decision on the devices to be tested has not been made.



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We will advise you when the shot program becomes firm. In the meantime, we concur in direct contact between the Armed Forces

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Admiral Edward K. Parker

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Special Weapons Project and the University of California
Radiation Laboratory in organizing the Department of Defense
participation in subject tests.

Sincerely yours,

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