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Rear Admiral B. H. Hanlon, USN Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hanlon:

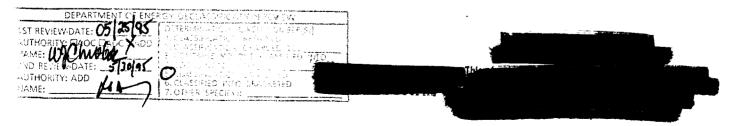
Reference is made to your letter of August 8, 1955, concerning the requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Civil Defense Administration for non-technical photography coverage of Operation AEDWING. I note that you recently took action to have a Task Force Commander's report film produced.

The Atomic Energy Commission desires that the following nontechnical photography coverage of Operation REDWING be produced:

- 1. Classified historical record film footage of professional quality of the more important aspects of Operation REDWING, including coverage of the detonation and unique features of each shot. This would include such historical record photography as would be needed if a decision were later made to depict the history of the development of thermonuclear weapons.
- 2. "Quickie" films, produced by LASL in 16 mm. black and white, sound, for each shot of the test series.

The Commission is now considering the question of the preparation of an unclassified documentary motion picture of Operation REDNING. A decision on this matter should be reached shortly at which time we will inform you of our requirements, if any, which are additional to those listed above.

The requirements of the Federal Civil Defense Administration are included in our requirements, and film appropriate for FCDA use will be extracted from that prepared for the AEC.



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With respect to the requirements listed in the second paragraph above it will be necessary for us to discuss with your staff the specific details of these requirements, to include the quantity, nature, type of coverage, etc., in order that planning can proceed. I suggest that AEC and the Task Force arrange a conference between representatives of AEC, FCDA, the Task Force, Lookout Mountain Laboratory, and LASL at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred D. Starbird Brigadier General, USA Director of Military Application

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