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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN MACCONE
FUTURE GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: FUTURE STATUS OF ENGINEER PROVING GROUP

The ARD and Department of Defense establishing agreement last Fall that the Engineer Proving Group (EPG) activities could be reduced in scope to a 12-month readiness status. In March of this year another AEC-DoD Joint Study Group reorganized the requirement for the EPG. The report of that study group concludes, in part, that activity of EPG should now be further reduced to only caretaker status (Tab A, Para A, Page 7). In substance this would mean downsizing as serious the equipment and supplies now stored at EPG to meet the requirement of possible test resumption on 12-month notice, and reducing the number of personnel and space to only those required to protect the plant investment.

As you know we would like to go and stop further at an early date, and ~~interim arrangements for the EPG to the DoD such equipment was made internally to the DoD~~ and is now under study within the DoD.

The proposed letter to Tab B requests DoD concurrence in the removal of a 12-month readiness requirement of EPG so that we can place it in caretaker status without delay. This letter also points out the significance of an early decision if DoD wishes to take over EPG.

It is recommended that the Chairman sign the letter attached at Tab B addressed to the Secretary of Defense.

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Tab A: Report of Study Group
Tab B: Proposed Ltr to DoD

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