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Major General A. R. Luedcke, USAF
Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Luedcke:

The Commission has agreed that there is no requirement for "Quickie" films and for a Task Force Commander's Film Report on Operation **HARDTACK**.

However, a Commission requirement does exist for a minimal amount of possibly declassifiable 35 mm. color historical stock film footage and matching still photography. This footage should include views of reduced fallout detonations; views of cratering, monitoring, and/or other ground activities relating to reduced fallout detonations; safety procedures and methods, cloud sampling, and brief exterior and interior control-bunker scenes. Coverage would also be made of any unusual events or emergency situations.

You are requested to arrange for taking stock film footage on the above general specifications. Some of this footage will be made available as necessary to the public media for their release or for "back-up" in their reporting of the open shot or shots in Operation **HARDTACK**, as was done during Operation **RENEWING**. Such footage would also be available if a decision should be made to produce a publicly releasable motion picture.

Necessary action will be initiated prior to the commencement of the operation for the transfer of \$16,300 to defray the cost of the AEC-required film.

Sincerely yours,

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

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