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Dr. Alvin C. Graves Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory P. O. Box 1663 Los Alamos, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Graves:

The President has requested the Atomic Energy Commission to convey his commendation to the scientific personnel responsible for the success of the 1948 atomic weapon test program at Enivetok Atoll.

As Deputy Scientific Director your exceptional ability in planning experiments and interpreting results has been outstanding. Your steady and trustworthy execution of that most important mission, final checks of instrumentation and firing the weapons, was a singularly outstanding contribution to the success of the proof tests.

As a result of the 1948 proof test program our national defense potential has been significantly increased. You personally have rendered a great service to the nation and it is the Commission's privilege to convey to you the commendation of the President.

Sincerely yours.

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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