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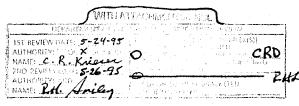
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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 24, 1954

Dear General Clarkson:

In your letter of May 7, 1954\* I note the recommendation that the operational phase of CASTLE be terminated twenty days subsequent to the last detonation.

Accordingly on June 2, 1954, full responsibility for the operation and administration of the Pacific Proving Grounds will revert to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations Office. He has been so informed by separate memorandum.\*

I wish to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation as well as the Commission's official commendation for the outstanding manner in which you have completed the test series. Your ability to operate effectively under adverse conditions and trying circumstances has made it possible to successfully complete the CASTLE test series, which has contributed so much to the national defense.

I shall be pleased to talk with you upon your return to Washington and I shall look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis L. Strauss Chairman

Major General P. W. Clarkson, USA Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN 12th and Constitution Avenue, N. W. Washington 25, D. C.

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