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SUBJECT: LETTER REPLY TO REPRESENTATIVE STRINGFELLOW RE SPRING 1955 TEST SERIES

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Reference is made to the subject letter circulated for concurrence by your memorandum route slip dated October 29, 1954.

We suggest the second paragraph of the letter be revised to read as follows:

"We appreciate the fact that the announcement of a test program next Spring in Nevada may cause some apprehension among the sheepmen in Southern Utah who normally winter sheep adjacent to the Nevada Proving Ground. As you know every conceivable precaution is taken to limit the effects of such tests to the confines of the Proving Ground or the area immediately adjacent thereto. With respect to fallout more rigid requirements as to the weather conditions in which a test will be detonated have been established. Provision has also been made to search the areas immediately adjacent to the Proving Ground to locate persons and livestock that may inadvertently have entered areas in which potentially hazardous fallout from a detonation may occur. Every effort will be made to provide ample opportunity to permit the removal of livestock or persons from such areas including delaying the test if appropriate. In any event every reasonable effort will be made to insure that precise information will be available on any fallout adjacent to the test site."

With the above exception the Division of Military Application concurs in the subject letter.

It is requested that a copy of the letter to Representative Stringfellow be furnished Santa Fe Operations Office.



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