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**Joint General Order**

By secret memorandum, D.D. 706-50, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concurred in the Atomic Energy Commission recommendation that you, as Commander, Joint Task Force Three, be designated as the overall representative of the Atomic Energy Commission during the overseas period of operations. Accordingly, it is requested that you accept this designation, together with full authority to act for the Commission in all matters pertaining to Command and the Nevada Proving Ground, effective February 15, 1951.

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Operational uncertainties in the test program make it impossible to designate now the exact date for termination of this responsibility. It is expected, however, that it will coincide with the conclusion of major overseas operations by Joint Task Force Three.

As Commission representative you are designated custodian of atomic weapons and devices and atomic weapon components to be transported overseas for this operation. Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager, Santa Fe Operations, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, will be directed to make the necessary transfers of material to your custody, and supply you with adequate instructions covering storage and transportable containers, records, and reports to be used during this operation.

You are authorized to fire up to five shots, selected from the models used. The number and type of models, including spares, is being determined by Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory with Commission approval.

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Upon completion of the experimental test program, it is requested that you return all unwanted components to the custody of Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager, Santa Fe Operations, and submit a certificate of expenditure for the material expended.

The Manager, Santa Fe Operations, should be informed of specific actions taken by you which may affect his long-term financial and administrative responsibilities, and should be furnished those reports necessary for his concern. Financial commitments and expenditures against Atomic Energy Commission accounts should be limited to funds made available

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by the Atomic Energy Commission for this operation. Should necessary projects exceed available funds, it will be necessary that you consult the Commission. You will be kept informed of the current available balance in such accounts by the Manager, Santa Fe Operations.

In order to provide continuity of Atomic Energy Commission contract administration, it is requested that you maintain, far as practicable, Atomic Energy Commission administrative practices now in effect.

You may be assured of our full support in your undertaking, and our sincere wishes for your success.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Lamm  
Chairman

Mr. General Edward R. Gossard, Director  
Joint Task Force Three  
Washington, D. C.

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