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Dear General Loper:

This is to acknowledge your letter of September 30, 1955, concerning a Congressional request for observer participation at the next atomic test. Your interim reply to Congressman Gray is noted. Inasmuch as Operation REDDING has not as yet been approved by the President and no public announcement of the Operation has been made, it is not advisable at this time to take final action on this request.

On the basis of the action taken on similar requests of this nature during past operations, there is little likelihood of a favorable reply. The critical nature of the availability of space within the Pacific Proving Grounds and the limited facilities for housing make it difficult to accommodate even properly cleared personnel. However, information along these lines cannot be given to Congressman Gray at the present time.

I will be happy to discuss with you the views of the Department of Defense on a general observer policy for Operation REDDING.

Sincerely yours,

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