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Dear Mr. Loper:

The Atomic Energy Commission is desirous of inaugurating immediately a pilot program of stratospheric monitoring for strontium-90 and other nuclides. In view of the urgency and importance of the program we wish to request the assistance of the Department of Defense in initiating the studies.

Meetings with representatives from the appropriate offices of the Air Force, ~~DELETED~~ have established the scientific feasibility of such a stratospheric monitoring program. It has also been unofficially indicated their capabilities to perform the program according to the attachment. It also was suggested at these meetings that the estimated costs of about \$200,000 for this four-months program might be absorbed within the current ~~DELETED~~ budget.

The Commission, therefore, requests the Department of Defense to make available the appropriate personnel, facilities, and equipment necessary to complete the monitoring program as outlined in the attachment and to sustain the costs for the four-months period.

Sincerely yours,

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Signed - R. W. Cook

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