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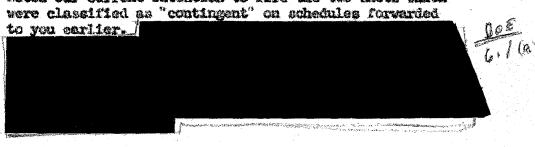
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Deer Mr. Durhem:

On February 12, 1958 I wrote to you that the President had approved our testing plans for Operation HARDYRACK at the Enivetok Proving Ground beginning in the Spring of 1953 and that the President had authorized expenditure of the necessary muclear materials for these tests. The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy has been informed of the progress of these tests by letters addressed to Mr. Heavy on May 20, 1958 and June 12, 1958.

Several of the new devices that have been fired thus far had yields less then hoped for to meet Department of Defense weapons requirements. Because of the importance of these programs several follow up tests have been added to the MADIACE series. Also, as a result of recent vespon research activity within the laboratories and in response tp a special request from the Department of Defence as to the need for early development of specified systems, other selected shots have been added. Therefore, on June 13, 1950, the President:

Roted our current intention to fire the two shots which were classified as "contingent" on schedules forwarded to you earlier.



Approved addition to the NARDTACK series of the following:

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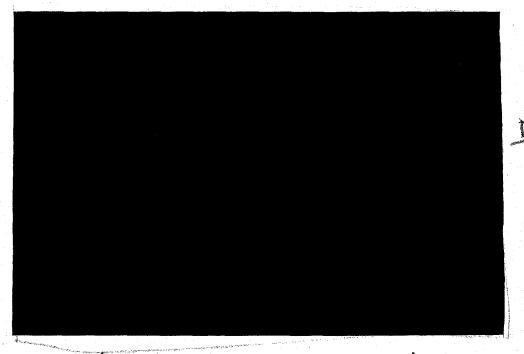
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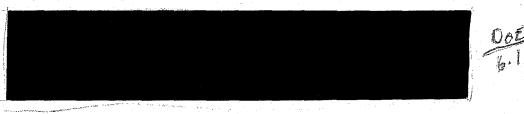
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The total program (exclusive of the UN demonstration shot), considering the weather delays to date, should be completed by late August. The UN demonstration shot would be fired at Enivetok Atoll as soon as possible after the high altitude Johnston Island shots - estimated as ready in very late August and to be fired as soon thereafter as weather permits. The President has authorized the expenditure of the necessary nuclear materials to carry out the above tests.

Also, on June 13, 1958, the President approved our plans and authorized the nuclear materials for Operation MILLRACE, an underground series of small shots to be fired in the Nevada Proving Ground during October and November of 1958. Tentatively the plans contemplate the firing of several safety shots from which no significant muclear yield is expected and six nuclear shots:







Honorable Carl T. Durham

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I will inform you of the progrem for MILLRACE in an early letter.

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Since I last reported the progress of the HAKDIACK series on June 12th and as of June 19, 1958, three more devices have been fired in HARDTACK. These are indicated on the attached listing of the revised resay dates including the additions reported above for the remainder of the HARDTACK series.

Sincerely yours,

1s/ W7 Lehhy Monairman

Attachment:

Table of HARDIACK Results and Ready Dates

Honorable Carl T. Durham Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Depurate of the United States

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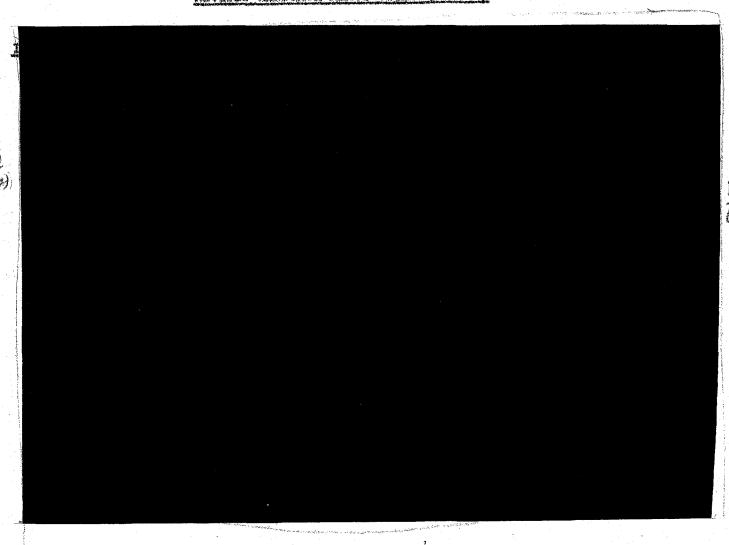
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