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Dear Mr. LaSaron:

The Atomic Energy Commission from time to time has discussed the possibilities of utilization of facilities within the Department of Defense which might be capable of direct assistance to the Atomic Energy Commission in the conduct of its weapons program. The Department has in the past undertaken development of the impact resisting weapon (Alaic) and the artillery fired atomic projectile (Batton). Other projects of assistance in the field of development have been undertaken on an ad hoc basis. Informal discussions recently have taken place between members of the staffs of the Commission and the Department regarding further specific assistance which might be given by agencies of the Department. On September 12, 1951, the Commission indicated to you by letter that we would be pleased to explore with you the specific military facilities where development and production facilities not otherwise engaged could be assigned to work on the Commission's weapons programs, the types of work believed most suitable for each facility, and the level of effort that might be devoted to this work.

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The purpose of this letter is to propose formally that joint discussions be conducted with a view to determining to what extent the Department could undertake to assist the Commission in the non-nuclear portion of the weapons program. It is the Commission's view that our respective staffs might well begin discussions at once leading to joint AEC-MIC resolution of the problem. The Commission's representatives initially would be:

Colonel R. E. Cooper, USAF  
 Captain J. T. Hayward, USAF

We believe this study will indicate the steps that should be taken to utilize most efficiently our combined capabilities in the atomic weapons field.

May we have an expression of your opinion? Should you concur we would propose to activate the study group immediately.

Sincerely yours,

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