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Dr. Donald Cooksey
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Dear Dr. Cooksey:

A Joint Office of Test Information is being established by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Department of Defense and the Department of State for the U. N. Observer Shot in Operation HARDTACK. A special staff of this kind functioned during Operation REDWING in 1956 under the direction of an AEC information officer.

For HARDTACK, the Washington headquarters of the Government Departments named above are now selecting personnel especially qualified to serve newsmen and their own organizations. Due to the fact that UCRL will handle the U. N. Observers at Berkeley both before and after the demonstration shot, and because of his excellent qualifications and background knowledge of the nuclear energy program, we have recommended that Mr. Daniel M. Wilkes be designated as a member of the special staff for all phases of the project including that of the detonation at Eniwetok Proving Ground.

If you concur in Mr. Wilkes serving in this capacity, we shall notify the Commission to have him included on JOTI. I would appreciate your letting me have your views at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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