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Honorable Robert LaFare  
 Chairman, Military Liaison Committee  
 to the Atomic Energy Commission

Dear Mr. LaFare:

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Reference is made to your letter of October 14, 1953 which informed the Atomic Energy Commission that the Secretary of Defense had given his support to proceeding with CASTLE on the expanded basis of seven shots.

To accomplish this mission it is planned that the first shipment of fissionable material to the forward area will depart the West Coast on or about December 20, 1953. So that representatives of Joint Task Force Seven may be authorized to receive this material on its arrival at ship-side, as has been successfully done in past operations, we propose to delegate the Commander, Joint Task Force Seven, his Atomic Energy Commission authority and responsibilities effective December 15, 1953. This is in accordance with Paragraph 1, C, (2), (d) of your letter dated April 27, 1951, subject "Organization for Military Participation in Future Atomic Weapons Tests." We also propose that December 15, 1953 mark the start of the operational phase of CASTLE.

Your concurrence in the above proposals is requested.

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Sincerely yours,

Louis L. Strauss  
 Chairman

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