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Dear Mr. Cole:

In forwarding a copy of the so-called *Walt-Falmer* report requested by Mr. Allardice I would like to call your attention to the unofficial nature of this document.

The report was prepared by two individuals who participated in Operation IVY but it has never been approved by either the Commander, Joint Task Force 139, or the Scientific Director of the Task Force. It was submitted by subordinate members of the Joint Task Force to the Commander on their own initiative and represents only the individual views of its authors. It does not reflect the official position of the Joint Task Force, the Department of Defense, or the Atomic Energy Commission.

There are enclosed with the report critical comments by Mr. Alvin C. Graves, Scientific Director for the Task Force during Operation IVY. In addition, there are enclosed Professor Falmer's comments indicating that he disclaims any responsibility for the report aside from Chapters I and II which deal with general tropical weather conditions.

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In response to Mr. Allardice's request for additional information concerning weather conditions after IVY, we are forwarding the enclosed portions of the Task Force Commander's "Final Report" which touched briefly on this subject. To secure useful data on weather phenomena, arrangements have been made to observe and report fully on weather conditions throughout the period of the current test series. We will be happy to furnish to the Joint Committee, if desired, a weather report on Operation CASTLE after completion of the tests.

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Because of the unofficial nature of the report, it is requested that it be returned to the Commission after it has been reviewed by the Joint Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Louis L. Strauss  
Chairman

*Pat Palmer report not returned as of 12 Apr 55*  
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Enclosures:

- 1. Copy 21 of Palmer Report dtd 6-30-53
- 2. Extracts from Task Force Commander's "Final Report"
- 3. Copy 21 memo 11-25-53 Graves to Clarkson (5 pages including Ltr 9-11-53 Palmer to Graves)

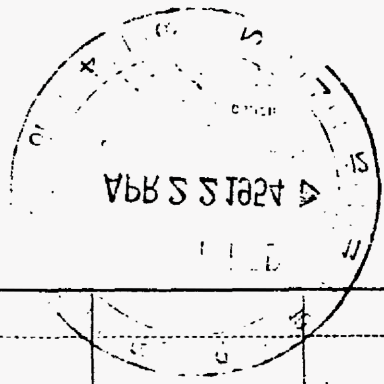
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