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Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields, USA
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
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Dear General Fields:

The Committee is interested in knowing whether or not there were any unusual weather phenomena which developed immediately following the IVY test shots. To this end I wrote you on November 14 requesting a copy of the report entitled "Weather Conditions Following Operation IVY", which, according to information given the Committee, discusses this question.

Your reply of November 20 referred us to the Task Force Commander. For reasons of his own the Task Force Commander has informally stated that he feels it is impossible to furnish this information to the Committee. Since the Task Force Commander was acting as an agent for the Commission in the conduct of these tests, I should like to request that your office obtain the requested report for the Joint Committee. I understand informally that the report is rather controversial and that a substantial body of opinion considers it to be strongly biased. It would therefore be helpful to have responsible meteorologists and other scientists who were present at the test comment on this matter to the end that the Committee may have the benefit of a well rounded discussion of this matter by your office. Dr. Graves comments would be particularly helpful.

In summary the Committee desires to have the AEC furnish a copy of the Pate report and any other information bearing on unusual weather phenomena following the IVY test that the AEC has.

Sincerely yours,

Corbin Allardice

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Executive Director

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