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July 30, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR The Chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: High Altitude Test

Reference: Memorandum for Chairman, Military Liaison Committee, from Director of Military Application, Atomic Energy Commission, subject as above, dated 29 June 1956; LXI-3998.

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1. The Department of Defense believes that a high yield very high altitude detonation should be studied to determine the feasibility of obtaining weapon effects in addition to long range detection information and is interested in participating in such a study. Some information is presently available on this subject. This information was obtained as an adjunct to the study which resulted in the Joint Chiefs of Staff approval of a 2KT, 100,000-foot detonation for Operation HARDTACK.

2. The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project will be the Department of Defense coordinating agency.

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/s/ Herbert B. Loper  
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Secretariat Note: \*On file in the Division of Military Application

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