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MLC COMMENTS ON DECLASSIFICATION OF SHOT PINON OF OPERATION HARDTACK

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Note by the Secretary

The attached letter from the Chairman, MLC, is circulated for the information of the Commission. The attachment has been referred to the Division of Classification.

W. B. McCool

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE
P. O. BOX 1814
WASHINGTON 13, D.C.

June 10, 1958

Dear Mr. Strauss:

Your letter of May 28, 1958* stated that the Commission has approved the declassification of the information listed below concerning shot PINON of Operation HARDTACK and requested the comments of the Department of Defense with respect to these declassification actions:

a. The location and schedule and actual time of shot.

b. The device to be tested is contained in a cylindrical container about 5 feet in diameter and 12 feet long, which will weigh about 8 tons including the contents. Also, the center of gravity insofar as it may be revealed by weighing under each of the four corners of the cradle.

c. The bomb fraction tracer will be 20 tons of uranium (isotopic composition will remain classified).

d. The total yield as measured by fireball photography and the necessary photography. (Only the predicted range of yield will be announced in advance of the test.)

e. Cloud samples as collected on filter paper and any information which might be derived from analyzing them without the use of any classified information.

f. Fission yield as determined by radiochemistry at UCRL, Berkeley and the analytic procedures used in this determination. The participants will observe this determination and may actually assist in carrying out the analyses.

g. Identification of the device being tested as a stockpile weapon.

* See AEC 952/51.

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The Military Liaison Committee concurs in the declassification of the information listed in subparagraphs a, c, d, e, and f above. The Committee does not concur in the declassification of the weight and center of gravity information in subparagraph b above nor in the declassification of the information in subparagraph g above. The described information is deemed to be classified defense information the release of which is not essential to the objectives of the operation. Further, the information contained in subparagraph g is additionally considered to be not accurate and an entree to undesirable questioning and discussion. The Committee approves the declassification of the following instead of subparagraph b above: (b) The device to be tested is contained in a cylindrical container about 5 feet in diameter and 12 feet long.

For the information which is Restricted Data, in accordance with Section 142C of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Military Liaison Committee, for the Department of Defense, has determined that the information listed in subparagraphs b as amended in the preceding paragraph, c, e, and f above is Restricted Data which relates primarily to the military utilization of atomic weapons and may be published without constituting an unreasonable risk to the common defense and security.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Herbert B. Loper
Chairman

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman
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