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Dear General Loper:

Reference is made to your letter of February 17, 1956, which requested concurrence in or comments on the Department of Defense approved Official Observer Program for Operation REWIND.

The Atomic Energy Commission concurs in the recommended program with the exception of the limitation on Atomic Energy Commission observer spaces to fifty in number and the exclusion of public information personnel, and with reservations concerning foreign observer participation.

The number of official observers that we must sponsor requires that the Atomic Energy Commission allocation be raised to sixty observer spaces. We suggest that, to accomplish this increase, the Joint Task Force SEVEN conduct six trips of approximately twenty observers each. The original program, which recommends five trips, was based on attendance at the five megaton category shots which were in the test program at the time.

The sixth trip will provide the required ten additional spaces for the Atomic Energy Commission and ten extra for the Department of Defense.

Due to world-wide public attention on the tests and persistent demands that tests be discontinued, it is felt that representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense public information service will be needed throughout the test series. The question of informing news media is being dealt with separately.

We concur in the foreign observer representation which you propose provided that the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission first agree on the shot or shots to be observed, and jointly determine the extent of information to be imparted under the provisions of Section 144b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the measures to be taken to limit the dissemination of information to that agreed upon. The Secretary of Defense is being informed of this proposal by a separate communication in answer to the Deputy Secretary's letter of February 1, 1956, on this subject.

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It is realized that early action is required to implement the Official Observer Program. Therefore we recommend that, if the Department of Defense concurs in the above recommendations, the Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN be advised to implement the Program as amended, with the understanding that details concerning foreign observer participation will be provided at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

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~~Recd~~ Chairman

Honorable Herbert B. Loper
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