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This would involve no delay in the

emergency capability in thermonuclear weapons. With this understanding, the MLC agreed on the desirability of the postponement but asked that every effort be made to have CASTLE start by the NARA - College PARK REPOSITORY end of February 1954.

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With regard to the forces to be maintained in a standby status, the appropriate members of the MLC stated that the Air Force component would maintain an experienced nucleus of approximately 50% present strength; that the Navy component would drop to a small nucleus of staff officers, from which it would be necessary to build up anew for a spring test; and that the Army component would retain adequate forces in a standby status for the spring test.

General Fields cautioned

again that this latter test is only a possibility and definitely not a probability.

It was noted that the Executive Agency should be advised to plan for a test in the spring of 1954 and to maintain an emergency capability for a test in the fall of 1953.

Mr. Dean and Mr. Boyer stated that a letter to the DOD making a formal recommendation for the postponement of CASTLE is forthcoming and that it will request that the DOD provide for a possible move-up of the date of the test.

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