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Dear General Cassaday:

By secret memorandum, 88-706-50, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concurred in the Atomic Energy Commission recommendation that you, as Commander, Joint Task Force Three, be designated as the over-all representative of the Atomic Energy Commission during the overseas period of ~~COMBAT~~ operations. Accordingly, it is requested that you accept this designation, together with full authority to act for the Commission in all matters pertaining to ~~COMBAT~~ and the Ametok Proving Ground, effective February 15, 1951.

Operational uncertainties in the test program make it impossible to designate now the exact date for termination of this responsibility. We expect, however, that it will coincide with the conclusion of major overseas operations by Joint Task Force Three.

As Commission representative you are designated custodian of atomic weapons and devices and atomic weapon components to be transported overseas for this operation. Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager, Santa Fe Operations, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, will be directed to make the necessary transfers of material to your custody, and supply you with adequate instructions covering source and fissionable materials, records, and reports to be used during this operation.

You are authorized to fire up to five shots, selected from the models used. The number and type of shots, including spares, is being determined by Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory with Commission approval.

[Redacted] (Upon completion of the experimental test program, it is requested that you return all unexpended components to the custody of Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager, Santa Fe Operations, and submit a certificate of expenditure for the material expended.)

The Manager, Santa Fe Operations, should be informed of specific actions taken by you which bear on his long-term financial and administrative responsibilities, and should be furnished those reports necessary for his records. Financial commitments and expenditures against Atomic Energy Commission accounts should be limited to funds made available

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by the Atomic Energy Commission for this operation. Should necessary projects exceed available funds, it will be necessary that you consult the Commission. You will be kept informed of the current available balance in such accounts by the Manager, Santa Fe Operations.

In order to provide continuity of Atomic Energy Commission contract administration, it is requested that you maintain insofar as practicable Atomic Energy Commission administrative practices now in effect.

You may be assured of our full support in your undertaking, and our sincere wishes for your success.

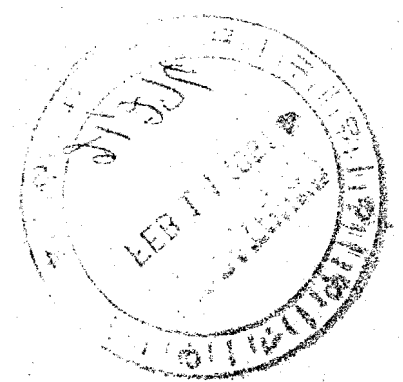
Sincerely yours,

Gordon Dean  
Chairman

Lt. General Elwood R. Qualls, Commander  
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