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Note by the Secretary

In connection with Commission consideration of AEC 153/19 on the above subject, scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 1951, the following are attached:

a. Appendix "A" to AEC 153/19 - Draft memorandum to the Commander, JTF-3, as referred to in paragraph 11b of AEC 153/19;

b. Appendix "B" to AEC 153/19 - Draft memorandum to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations, as referred to in paragraph 11c of AEC 153/19.

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APPENDIX "A"

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN, AEC
TO THE COMMANDER, JTF-3

1. By secret memorandum, SM-706-50, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concurred in the Atomic Energy Commission recommendation that you, as Commander, JTF-3, be designated as the over-all representative of the AEC during the overseas period of GREENHOUSE operations. Accordingly, it is requested that you accept this designation, together with full authority to act for the Commission in all matters pertaining to GREENHOUSE and the Eniwetok Proving Ground, effective February 15, 1951.

2. 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 JTF-3.

3. 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, SFO, USAEC, 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.

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




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 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, SFO, and submit a certificate of expenditure for the material expended.

5. In the exercise of your responsibility and authority for GREENHOUSE and the Eniwetok Proving Ground, it is requested that you keep the Commission informed concerning the general situation. The Manager, SFO, should also 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 AEC accounts should be limited to funds made available by the AEC 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, SFO.

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

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

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APPENDIX "B"

DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER
TO THE MANAGER, SANTA FE OPERATIONS

1. The Commission, with the concurrence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has designated Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, Commander, JTF-3, as its over-all representative with full authority to act for the Commission in all matters pertaining to GREENHOUSE and the Eniwetok Proving Ground, effective March 1, 1951. The terminal date for this authority cannot now be set, but may approximate July 1, 1951. A copy of the letter to General Quesada is attached for your information.

2. The President on January 30, 1951, approved the recommendation of the Commission on GREENHOUSE as follows:

a. The firing of up to five shots selected from the list in Paragraph 3 (Ref. Memo to NSC dated 1-19-51 from AEC - LXI 1431),



3. You were authorized by Secret TWX dated February 7, 1951 to ship to a port designated by the Commander, JTF-3, not to exceed the maximum amounts of materials specified in III A, C, D and E of XIX-887, dated October 6, 1950, as amended by secret letter dated November 24, 1950, from Dr. Roy to General McCormack. Custody and accountability for this material will be transferred by you to Lt. Gen. Quesada or his designated representative in accordance with plans and timing mutually agreed.

4. Our delegation of over-all authority to the Commander, JTF-3, for both Operation GREENHOUSE and the Eniwetok Proving

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Ground during the overseas phase of GREENHOUSE is necessary, in the view of the Commission, for his successful conduct of the operation. It is recognized that we have thereby withdrawn from you, for the period involved, responsibility and authority which had been previously delegated to you. Nevertheless, it is desired that you retain your long-term responsibility for the Proving ground, and, by means of direct liaison with and reports from, JTF-3, assure yourself that you will be able to resume your original position of responsibility with respect to Eniwetok upon the termination of GREENHOUSE operations.

5. You will continue to bear funding responsibility for the Atomic Energy Commission share of proving ground maintenance and GREENHOUSE operational costs. Funds currently available to you or planned for operations and maintenance during GREENHOUSE will be utilized to support the needs of JTF-3, as the Commander may direct. The use of such funds will still be subject to accountability and reporting to you as required for your records. You will keep the Commander, JTF-3, informed of the current balances in each AEC account applicable to GREENHOUSE for his guidance. When GREENHOUSE fund requirements reach the point of exceeding funds available to you for this purpose, you will immediately advise the Commission.

6. General Quesada has been requested to maintain and use existing channels of command between on-site representatives of SFO, and both University of California and Holmes and Narver contract personnel. We believe the JTF-3 organization, which places the contractor functions and personnel under the jurisdiction of Task Group 3.1, of which Dr. Graves is the Commander

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with Colonel G. F. Schlatter, a member of the Commission staff, as his Executive Assistant, will insure satisfactory operation under this policy.

7. The Commission is aware of the many temporary administrative adjustments and compromises required for the success of our objective. We are reassured by the record to date, however, that cooperation between you and the Commander, JTF-3, will solve any difficulties as they arise.

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