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To:

Carroll L. Wilson, General Manager

From: Lewis L. Strauss

Subject:

Funds to Air Force re SANDSTONE

1. In connection with our compliance with the request of the Air Forces for funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to finance their long-range detection efforts incident to Operation SANDSTONE, we should ask for and obtain a bill of particulars as to what they are going to do with it. This should not, of course, involve any delay in the actual transfer of funds. All I have seen so far is a very sketchy outline of their plans.

Reasons for such a request:

- (a) Such information as we now have indicates that the program constitutes a hasty assembly of several projects bearing appropriate titles.
- (b) The preparation of such a justification, even after they are assured of the funds, will encourage restudy of the program and integration thereof.
- (c) We should have a record of what we are giving the money for, particularly since we probably will not get it back.
- 3. We should, of course, expect progress reports; and evaluations after the test.

4. Will you please have prepared an appropriate letter of request addressed to the Air Forces via the Military Liaison Committee? I should think the Commissioners should see it before it is dispatched.

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LEWIS L. STRAUSS

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