

HEADQUARTERS, Joint Task Force SEVEN
Washington 25, D. C.
20 June 1953, 1600 R

Operation Order
CJTF SEVEN No. 1-53

Castle File

RG : ~~_____~~ 342
A-
Location Technical Library
Collection Air Force Weapons
Folder Castle File op.
order No. 5-52
06-20-53

***** EXTRACT *68*****

1. General

b. General Situation

(1) By authority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), Joint Task Force 132 (JTF 132) was activated on 9 July 1951 for the purpose of conducting Operation IVY at ENIWETOK ATOLL during 1952. On 21 May 1952 the JCS designated the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army to continue as Executive Agent for a subsequent overseas atomic test (Operation CASTLE) and broadened the missions of CJTF 132 to include the execution of CASTLE.

(2) Operation IVY was completed on 21 November 1952.

(3) On 1 February 1953, Joint Task Force 132 was administratively redesignated as Joint Task Force SEVEN (JTF SEVEN) with no change in the previously assigned mission of conducting Operation CASTLE.

(4) Task groups of the joint task force were activated as follows:

<u>TASK GROUP</u>	<u>DATE ACTIVATED</u>	<u>TASK GROUP HEADQUARTERS</u>
Scientific Task Group (TG 7.1)	2 Jan 52	Los Alamos, New Mexico
Army Task Group (TG 7.2)	1 Aug 51	Eniwetok Island, M.I.
Naval Task Group (TG 7.3)	8 Feb 52	Washington 25, D. C.
Air Force Task Group (TG 7.4)	1 Jan 53	Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico
AEC Base Facilities Task Group (TH 7.5)	4 Mar 53 (Activated after Operation IVY)	Santa Fe Operations Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico

(5) By authority of the JCS, the commander of the joint task force currently exercises operational control of the task groups (other than TG 7.2) for planning and coordination only (defined in Annex A), with full operational control of all task groups to be assumed by CJTF SEVEN upon arrival of task groups in the forward area.

(6) By authority of the JCS, CJTF SEVEN exercises administrative control of task groups (defined in Annex A) on certain matters pertaining to CASTLE.

(7) On 17 February 1953, CJTF SEVEN submitted a report to the JCS which outlined the organization for the joint task force, participation by the Armed Forces and basic operation plans and policies for the conduct of Operation CASTLE. This operation order is based on the plan submitted to the JCS, and approved by the JCS on 14 April 1953.

~~_____~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~

Discharge
3/9/67

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS, Joint Task Force SEVEN
APO 187 (HOW), c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
7 May 1954

Annex A to CJTF SEVEN Operation Order No. 2-54

ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

1. On 31 March 1953, the JCS established JTF SEVEN (formerly JTF 132) as a permanent joint task force for the purpose of conducting overseas atomic tests. Accordingly, it is contemplated that certain command relationship principles previously established by the commander of a joint task force under JCS-AEC authority will continue to obtain. Under this command relationship concept, the Commander, JTF SEVEN:
 - a. Exercises full operational control of the Army Task Group at all times.
 - b. During the period between on-site operational phases, exercises operational control of all task groups for planning and coordination. "Operational control for planning and coordination" is defined as such authoritative direction in planning and preparation as is necessary to insure successful accomplishment of the joint task force mission.
6. Assumes full operational control of each task group upon arrival of their respective headquarters in the forward area. The on-site operational phase commences with the establishment of JTF SEVEN Headquarters in the forward area. During the on-site phase the AEC designates CJTF SEVEN as its senior representative in the forward area, thereby giving the task force commander complete operational control of the military and scientific aspects of the operation. Normal administrative control of task groups (other than TG 7.2) and their elements is exercised by their own administrative agencies.
2. The commander, JTF SEVEN will coordinate the activities of the Scientific Task Group and the AEC Base Facilities Task Group through his Scientific Director in accordance with AEC-CJTF policy agreements.
3. In the absence of the task force commander from the ENIWETOK area, the Army Task Group commander will discharge the responsibilities of CJTF SEVEN as ATCOM, ENIWETOK.

(s) P. W. CLARKSON
Major General, U.S. Army
Commander

A-1

C O P Y

C O P Y

ANNEX A
TO
OPERATIONS PLAN NO. 4-54

ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND RELATIONSHIP

HEADQUARTERS
TASK GROUP 7.4, PROVISIONAL
Kirtland Air Force Base
New Mexico
15 June 1954

1. ORGANIZATION:

a. On 31 March 1953, the JCS established JTF SEVEN (Formerly JTF 132) as a permanent Task Force for the purpose of conducting overseas atomic tests. Accordingly, it is contemplated that certain command relationship principles previously established by the Commander of a Joint Task Force under JCS-AEC authority will continue to obtain. Under this command relationship concept, the Commander, Task Group 7.4 will:

- (1) During the period between on-site operational phases, exercises operational control of all test units for planning and coordination. "Operational control for planning and coordination" is defined as such authoritative direction in planning and preparation as is necessary to insure successful accomplishment of the Joint Task Force mission.
- (2) Assume full operational control of each test unit upon arrival of their respective headquarters in the forward area. The on-site operational phase commences with the establishment of Task Group 7.4, Headquarters in the forward area. Normal administrative control of the Test Support Unit is exercised by AFSWC.

2. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP:

a. In the absence of the Joint Task Force Commander from the ENIWETOK area, the Army Task Group Commander will discharge the responsibilities of CJTF SEVEN as ATCOM, ENIWETOK

HOWELL M. ESTES, JR.
Brigadier General, U. S. A. F.
Commander

A-1

C O P Y

~~SECRET~~
C O P Y

FROM COFS WASH DC

C-6-708
CONTROL NUMBER

TO COMFR ARDC BALTIMORE MD
CINC SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR
COMDR MATS ANDREWS AFB MD
COMDR AMC W-P AFB OHIO
COMDR TAC LANGLEY AFB VA
COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO
TG 7.4 KIRTLAND AFB NMEX
COMDR AFSWC KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

152244Z JUNE 55
DATE TIME GROUP

DEFERRED
PRECEDENCE

FROM AFOOP-OP-T. THE DOD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AEC, WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF ATOMIC TESTS AT THE PACIFIC PROVING GROUND, BEGINNING ON, OR ABOUT 15 APR 56. THE DEPT OF THE NAVY HAD BEEN DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE AGENT OF THE JCS FOR THIS TEST, WHICH IS DESIGNATED OPERATION REDWING. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE JCS WILL DIRECT CHIEF OF STAFF, USAF, TO SUPPORT COMDR JTF-7, FOR THE CONDUCT OF THIS OPERATION BY PROVIDING AN AIR TASK GROUP (TG 7.4) COMPOSED OF UNITS AND DET AS LISTED BELOW, AND SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH ENGAGED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CASTLE. A. HQ AIR TASK GROUP 7.4 PROVISIONAL B. 4930 SUPPORT GP (TEST) (1) 4131 OPERATIONS SQ (2) 4932 MATERIEL SQ C. CLOUD SAMPLING, CONTROL AND DROP ACFT DETACH. D. EFFECTS TEST DETACH. E. WEA RECONNAISSANCE DETACH. F. DOCUMENTARY PHOTO DETACH. G. WEA REPORTING AND FORECASTING DETACH. H. AACS DETACH. INDIARY SEARCH AND RESCUE DETACH. 3. THIS MSG CONSTITUTES AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE OPERATION. DIRECT COMM BETWEEN ALL ADDRESSEES IS AUTH. 4. DETAILED AND SPECIFIC INFO REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION OF EACH ADDRESSEE WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT A LATER DATE

~~SECRET~~
C O P Y