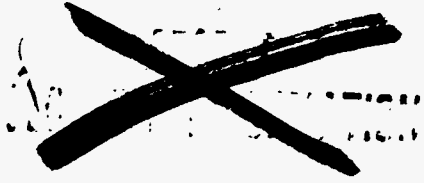


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Dr. Morris I. Bradbury, Director  
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Los Alamos, New Mexico

Thru: Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager  
Santa Fe Operations

Dear Dr. Bradbury:

The proposals embodied in your letter of November 28, 1952 have received careful study by the Commissioners who have approved the following plan:

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- a. The CASTLE Operation will take place in early 1954.
- b. ~~CASTLE~~ will be fabricated at the maximum rate allowable by the availability of materials to the end that an emergency capability in that number will exist in the stockpile when the first weapon model is available for proof test.
- c. LAM should be prepared to support scientifically a short overseas test operation in the Fall of 1953 on an emergency basis if scientific developments indicate the necessity therefor.
- d. In the absence of an emergency overseas operation, DOMINGO may be scheduled for the Fall of 1953. If it is conducted every attempt will be made to hold it to a PALMER-type operation.

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The Department of Defense has been notified of our intention to postpone CASTLE to early 1954, although the possibility of an overseas test in the Fall of 1953 on an emergency basis was noted. A copy of the Top Secret letter to the Department of Defense dated January 2, 1953 was forwarded to you under separate cover. An information copy of the letter to the University of California Radiation Laboratory concerning this subject is attached.

Sincerely yours,

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E. I. Fields  
Brigadier General, USA  
Director of Military Application

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