Dear Br. LeBaron:

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To facilitate planning for military participation and support of stamis tests, the Samuissian wishes to inform the Committee of its ourrest plans for future full-scale weapons test operations. Three separate and distinct series will be discussed in this letter.

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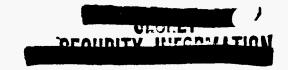
A summary of plans for IVI was forwarded to you by our letter of October 29, 1951, together with a copy of ABC 488/1. Since that time the Commission staff and ABC contractor personnel have continued to work with Joint Task Force 188 and Armed Forces Special Weapons Project toward IVI and have participated in drawing up a nutually acceptable technical program. Three changes in the original: concept have developed. First, we now plan to evacuate all personnel from the Atell prior to the thermomuslear (MIRE) shet, since the safety of the firing party if left ashore is doubtful. Second, the high-afficiency, high-yield (400-600 ET) fission device (XING shot) is scheduled to follow the MIKE shot, conditions following MIKE permitting. Third, unavoidable delays to date in engineering, fabricating, and propuring materials for the errogenic and other technical apparatus have forced a change in scheduled shot date for MIR from October 1 to Boromber 1, 1952.

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fonsideration has been given to conducting enother full-scale lest operation (UPSHOT) at the Nevada Proving Ground followas TUNBLER-SHIPPER. To had textatively placed to conduct PPSHOT in the Fall of 1958. It has recently been determined that BPSECT exampt be conducted prior to the early Spring of 968. A target date for the beginning of the operation is February 1, 1958. Those plans, however, nust remain subject to change in the event of unexpected developments. Devices

for testing during UPSHOT have not been completely determined at this time. Just- Upsho BEST COPY AVAILABLE. Justs - Castle

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Prem time to time various Department of Defense agencies conserved with operational problems connected with Pacific Proving Grounds tosts have raised informally the question of the approximate date of whatever operation is planned for that area following IVY. Instance as you may wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for necessary support planning purposes, it is our opinion that a date of approximately September-Detober 1988 represents the best guess that one be made at this time for occupancy of Eniwetok Atoll following IVY. GASTLE is the code name assigned to the series of atomic tosts at the Pacific Proving Grounds in the Fall of 1988.

We will keep the Countities informed in any changes in the above plans.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC EMERGY CONNISSION

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Ronorable Robert LaBaron Chairman, Military Liaison Committee to the Atomie Energy Commission

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