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Dear General Clarkson:

I reviewed today with the President the plans  
for the conduct of Operation IVI. At the end of our  
discussion, the President stated it was his opinion that  
if the success of the first shot were not jeopardized  
by the delay, it should not occur before November 5, 1952,  
Eniwetok time. He believes that if at all possible, we  
should avoid the occurrence of this particular shot  
during the period of the Presidential election, surcharged  
as it is with considerable emotion.

I have discussed this with Mr. Lovett, who will  
pass this information on to General Collins. We agreed  
that this information should be held to an absolute  
minimum number of persons, and accordingly I am forwarding  
this letter by Mr. Zuckert, who will discuss with you the  
measures to be taken.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE  
Sincerely,

Gordon Dean  
Chairman

Major General P. W. Clarkson, USA  
Commander, Joint Task Force 132

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