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I am advised that Dr. Teller is now proposing an almost immediate test in Nevada. The reasoning behind this request of Dr. Teller is the same as that behind the eleventh shot of UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE. Dr. Bradbury is cognizant of Dr. Teller's proposal and acknowledges that his theoretical division cannot give Dr. Teller the predicted yield to as close resolution as Dr. Teller states is required.

Dr. Bradbury stated he had also suggested to Dr. Teller that he take this gadget to sea and drop it, and get only radiochemistry samples with aircraft. Air-dropping would probably pose some special problem in that it will not fit into a Mk. 12 case and is too small for a Mk. 7.

I feel that a suggestion to go back to Nevada at this time should not be considered. If Dr. Teller sells his idea to the Commission, I would strongly urge that such a test be held most anyplace but Nevada.

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