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Re: SAMBIA CORPORATION PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION IVY

- Reference: a. Secret Letter, Schmidt to Tyler, dated 12/3/51,
Same Subject, Z-69810
- b. Secret Letter, Graves to Sandia Corp., dated 1/14/52,
Same Subject, J-9474 (Z-76310)

As far as we can determine at this date, Sandia Corporation will be able to undertake the instrumentation projects for Operation Ivy outlined in reference a, with the exception of the microbarometric studies. While the microbarometric studies are of considerable scientific interest, we do not feel that we can support the activity with our own staff in view of other pressing projects with a more direct relation to the weapons programs.

We suspect that the possibility of the Scripps Oceanographic Institution's making the microbarographic measurements at their stations, with the assistance of the Naval Electronics Laboratory, be explored. We are prepared to make available the special microbarophones amplifiers we constructed for use with the NEL microbarophones.

We are prepared to continue our support of the microbarometric measurements in connection with the Nevada Proving Ground program, since this work has a direct bearing on the problem of firing nuclear shots within the continental limits and involves considerably less manpower and expense.

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