

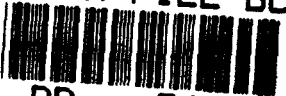
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MEMORANDUM For Mr. Dean
Dr. Smyth
Mr. Murray
Dr. Glassman
Mr. Zschert

**Subject: BRIEFING OF MR. DEAN BY GENERAL CLARKSON
ON PREPARATIONS FOR CASTLE.**

Summarized here for your information is the presentation to Mr. Dean and members of the Atomic Energy Commission staff made by General Clarkson and members of his staff in Mr. Dean's office on May 21, 1952.

General Clarkson reviewed correspondence setting September-October 1953 as probable date for CASTLE. He pointed out intervals between past overseas operations have been:

- CROSSROADS-SANDSTONE - 21 months
- SANDSTONE-GREENHOUSE - 35 months
- GREENHOUSE-IVY - 19 months

The next interval foreseen, however, is:

- IVY-CASTLE - 11 months

This means that active planning for CASTLE must start not later than July 1952; in fact, some work has already begun. He pointed out that there had been a rather complete lull; between each of the past operations, which involved successive demodification and remodification of aircraft and naval craft as well as such avoidable transportation of personnel and equipment. He stated, as he had to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that maintaining the Task Force organized, but in a state of reduced activity, between tests would save the Government several million dollars in expense. Mr. Dean agreed, the position being essentially what the Commission had recommended in early 1951.

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General Clarkson stated that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had approved his recommendations, as follows:

- (1) Army continues as Executive Agent.
- (2) General Clarkson continues as Commander.
- (3) Critical personnel and equipment will be returned to the Services during the interim, but earmarked for use at CASTLE.
- (4) Appropriate troops and equipment will be kept in the forward area.
- (5) IVY Task Force and Task Group staffs will be retained to plan CASTLE.
- (6) Aircraft and ships already activated and modified will also be earmarked for use at CASTLE.

Finally, General Clarkson is examining the pros and cons of shooting very high yield devices elsewhere than at Eniwetok because of possible damage to the installations. He suggested that the Atomic Energy Commission also consider this problem further. IVY results should assist in such consideration.

/s/ George F. Schlatter

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