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ATTENTION: Lt. Col. W. E. Sturges, Jr.

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Reference is made to the meeting in your office on April 18 when you and Potter Campbell of your office and Milton Rex of this office talked with Colonel Sackton of JIP 132 regarding plans for future tests at the Pacific Proving Grounds. Colonel Sackton's desire for such information was related to the task force's interest in controlling release of military personnel so as to have experienced personnel available for recall to future test operations, and to avoid the expensive process of "demodification" of present aircraft and surface craft and subsequent "modification" of other craft for future operations if it is possible for them to maintain operational or availability control of craft which can be reused in future tests.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of our letter to Dr. Bradbury of L&SL, dated April 25, and a copy of his reply, dated May 6. The information contained in the reply should provide some information for the task force in their planning, even though Dr. Bradbury's estimates are subject to considerable change. It can be assumed that, with planning as indicated, drop aircraft and related support will not be a requirement for the fall 1953 tests. Otherwise, it would appear that assistance from the Department of Defense of approximately the same type and magnitude as exists for Ivy will be requested.

This letter from Dr. Bradbury is the first indication to us of planning by L&SL for a possible third or fourth shot in the fall 1953 series (Castle). Estimate costs as they appear in the first supplement to FY 1953 Budget and as they will be submitted with the FY 1954 budget are based on an operation equal to Ivy, or two shots. This basis for budgeting is being called to the attention of L&SL, and we will ask them to immediately review their plans for FY 1953 test operation and, if appropriate, to provide us with more criteria

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for revision of estimates, both for scientific structures and logistical operations, and to furnish us adequate support for submittal of revised estimates. Recognizing that procurement of any additional funds for FY 1953 operations may be extremely difficult, we will try to maintain close contact with plans as they develop and keep you informed.

Enclosures:

1. Cy ltr T-6, Apr 25 to LASL
2. Cy LASL reply, May 8,
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CC: ~~Dr. W.S. Bradbury, Dir, LASL~~

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