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Commanding General Field Command Armed Forces Special Weapons Project Sandia Base, New Mexico

Attention: Directorate of Wespens Effects Tests

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Division of Biology and Medicine, Atomic Energy Countszion, the Atomic Energy Project at the University of California at Los Angeles conducted fallout studies in the near area of the Mevada Test Site during the 1952 spring tests. It was felt at the time that these studies were essential to assess radiological safety factors and to gain a greater insight into the phenomenology of fallout. The data collected have substantiated this decision and we are now planning to expand the fallout studies.

The program last spring was sided in no small part by the services of twelve enlisted men, secured through the Office of Chief, Chemical Officer, Department of the Army. To fulfill the requirements of the coming full-scale program, it is essential to have the services of thirty-two enlisted men for a period of about six weeks. We understand that this request should be addressed to your office.

The exact dates can be furnished later but it will be during the next series of tests at the Hevada Test Site. The emlisted men need not possess highly technical knowledge but should have the intelligence, reliability and initiative to make independent decisions. It would be desirable, but not required, for each emlisted man to some provided with field equipment; i.e., sleeping bag, cantoen, mess gear, etc.

Very truly yours,

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