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MEMORANDUM For the Military Liaison Committee

Subject: PROVISION OF FACILITIES AT ENIWETOK

On April 20, 1949 the Atomic Energy Commission approved a recommendation of the Director of Military Application that facilities be provided at Eniwetok which would be usable for one other series of tests two to three years subsequent to the 1951 tests.

This decision was based on the opinion that there will be a requirement for at least one other series of tests, after the 1951 tests, for which Eniwetok will be suitable. Provision of facilities designed to last for two tests would be more economical than to provide temporary facilities for two consecutive tests.

A contract with the firm of Holmes and Narver, Los Angeles, California, for the provision of facilities has been negotiated by the Manager, Santa Fe Operations. It is expected that construction will get underway the latter half of this calendar year. Plans call for the rehabilitation of Eniwetok Island as the logistics and air operations base, construction of scientific headquarters on Parry Island, preparation of temporary camps and provision of technical facilities on shot islands, installation of wire communication services intra-atoll, paving of roads and airstrips and rehabilitation of piers. Tab "A" is a chart outlining the construction program for FY 1950.

CinCPac has been providing assistance in maintenance and survey activities at Eniwetok in response to our memorandum for the Chief of Navy Operations, dated December 20, 1948, Subject: "Request for Assistance in Connection with Activities at Eniwetok," information copy of which was furnished you. The allocation of costs of this preliminary work is in accordance with "Draft Agreement for the Allocation of Costs to be Borne by the AEC and the Armed Services," approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on June 21, 1948 and concurred in by the Atomic Energy Commission on July 21, 1948.

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The assistance of the National Military Establishment in carrying out the overall construction program described above is requested. Tab "B" outlines airlift requirements and Tab "C" outlines surface lift requirements for FY 1950 which, it is hoped, can be provided in large part by the National Military Establishment.

Subject to the approval of this request by the National Military Establishment, we should like to be informed at an early date whether the arrangements now in effect with CincPac may be continued throughout the construction program or until such time as a task force organization becomes effective.

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Enclosures:

Tabs "A", "B"
and "C"

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