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Commanding General Joint Task Force Three Washington 25, D. C. E. Welterick:

Dear General Quesada:

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The Commission has given careful attention to the point raised in your memorandum of October 28, 1949 regarding a Commission delegation of authority to a representative with Joint Task Force Three.

The Commission has agreed that from our point of view, the Task Force Commander should be designated the over-all Commission Representative during the approximate operational period of the 1951 test. This designation should become effective at a time emitually agreed by the Commission and the Department of Defense and is now estimated to be the latter part of 1950. To assist the Task Force Commander in this duty, the Commission will make available a senior officer from the Division of Military Application.

The details of how best to integrate representatives of the Commission and its contractors whom the Commission is prepared to make available, into the staff of the Task Force Commander, may best be dealt with, in our opinion, by the staffs of the Commission and the Task Force. The Commission will be prepared to consider the results of such staff work when we have before us the over-all report of the Joint Technical Planning Committee, which we understand will be forwarded to us through the Military Lisison Committee in the near future.

This would also appear to be a proper time for formal approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to be obtained for the delegation of Commission authority to the Commanding General, Joint Task Force Three.

Sincerely yours,

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