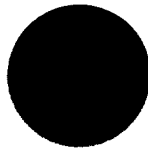


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4. Recommendations of the GAC Concerning the Test Program

General Brereton stated that the MLC concurred unanimously in the GAC's recommendations as to the number and sequence of firings. In view of the earlier recommendation by the Armed Forces, the question had been referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff along with the arguments for the new proposal. The matter had been taken up informally with General Gruenther, who is presenting the question to the JCS today, and will advise the Committee of their reply.

General Groves stated that the change in the proposed number of shots raised in his mind another question which he had not as yet explored with the MLC. This concerned the possible need for preparations for an additional firing should one of those now planned prove a "dud". He therefore recommended that the Commission consider the advisability of obtaining a fourth tower. Admiral Parsons concurred in this suggestion and proposed that since the towers were standard items several could well be obtained. Mr. Pike stated that the proposal would be considered sympathetically by the Commission.

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