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Major General H. W. Clarkson, USA
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Dear General Clarkson:

As requested by you in your letters of May 22 and June 19, 1953, I can now outline the Commission's film requirements for Castle. They are essentially as discussed in our July 21 meeting. Briefly stated, the Commission desires two types of films: (1) a Task Force Commander's visual report to the Commission and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Castle operation; and (2) short films (so called "publicities") which will be available as soon as possible after each shot. While the Atomic Energy Commission recognizes the public information value of an unclassified documentary film, we do not consider that expenditure of funds for this purpose would be justified at this time. The Commission is also considering the production of a film depicting the entire history of the development of thermonuclear weapons, and it is anticipated that some footage will be required at Castle in this respect. Inasmuch as plans are not as yet fixed concerning this production, you will be advised at later date of Commission requirements at Castle.

The visual report or "documentary" film of the Castle operation should bear a classification not higher than Secret, should be approximately of forty-five minutes duration, and should be devoid of technical details concerning thermonuclear developments. It should be tailored for wide dissemination to persons concerned with supporting the Atomic Energy Commission but who do not require technical information, i.e. such groups as Congressmen and Bureau of the Budget officials. The "publicities" should be filmed so as to provide such visual information soon after each shot to the Commissioners and other Commission personnel. The chief value in such

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films is their ability to satisfy the inevitable demand for information beyond that normally furnished by a general statement of yield and degree of success in executing a given shot. Speed in production and forwarding "quickies" following each shot is the keynote here.

Sincerely yours,

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