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LETTER FROM THE MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE
TO THE
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 1814
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 31, 1951

Dear Mr. Dean:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of October 18, 1951. As you point out, the Department of Defense has indicated in previous correspondence a desire to do more in the field of development of prototype atomic weapons.

The question of time and optimum use of personnel and facilities now available to the Department of Defense development agencies is of great importance. The assumption by the Department of Defense of additional responsibilities for weapon development will inevitably interfere to some extent with other current high priority projects. Secretary Foster is asking each of the three Service Secretaries to review his departmental facilities and to discuss the extent to which additional atomic weapon tasks might be undertaken.

The Military Liaison Committee will follow up this subject as a matter of priority and will arrange for competent military representatives to discuss informally and exchange information with your representatives on the combined capabilities of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense in the atomic weapons field. It is understood that the study group thus formed would have no official capacity at this time, but it should serve to clear the way for formal proposals, after a determination of policy by the Secretary of Defense has been announced.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert LeBaron

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