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DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE FOR OPERATION IVY

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The Commission, with the concurrence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has designated Major General Percy W. Clarkson, Commander, Joint Task Force 132, as its special representative in the Kniveton Area, effective August 21, 1952, with full authority to act for the Commission in all matters which concern the successful execution of JTF-132 Operation Plan 2-52, as amended. The terminal date for this authority cannot now be set, but it should coincide with the end of the operational phase of Operation IVY. A copy of Mr. Dean's letter requesting General Clarkson to accept this authority is attached for your information.

The Atomic Energy Commission has requested Presidential approval for execution of the plan for Operation IVY and expenditure of up to the maximum amount of fissionable material outlined in Paragraph #2 of the Top Secret letter dated 27 June 1952 from Dr. Bradbury to General Fields (reference No. CX-158). When this approval is received, it will be communicated to General Clarkson as his authority to execute his plan and to expend the amounts of fissionable material required.

In anticipation of Presidential approval for execution of this plan you were authorized by Secret TWX dated 7 August 1952 to ship to the SF Material Accountability Station at the Pacific Proving Grounds the amounts of expendable and spare fissionable and critical materials specified in Paragraph #4 of Dr. Bradbury's letter. You are hereby directed to transfer custody of the atomic devices to be used in this operation, including the expendable and spare fissionable and critical materials referred to above, to Major General P. W. Clarkson, Commander, JTF-132, under his delegated authority as AEC representative. This transfer of custody will be made effective at the time and place in the continental U. S. that the devices and components are delivered aboard military transportation for shipment to the forward area and will terminate with the delivery of the unexpended devices and components

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to commercial transportation in the continental U.S. on return from the forward area. In order to assist General Clarkson in accounting for the SF material involved in IVY, however, you will designate qualified SFO personnel who will be accountable to him for this SF material enroute to and from, and in, the Pacific Proving Grounds.

Our delegation of authority to the Commander, JTF-132 for both Operation IVY and the Pacific Proving Grounds during the operational phase of IVY is necessary, in view of the Commission, for his successful conduct of that operation. It is recognized that we have thereby withdrawn from you, for the period involved, responsibility which had previously been delegated to you. Nevertheless, it is desired that you retain your long term responsibility for the Proving Grounds and, by means of direct liaison with and reports from JTF-132, assure yourself that you will be able to resume your original position of responsibility with respect to the Proving Grounds upon the termination of General Clarkson's special authority.

As to the fiscal aspects of the operation, agreements already in force between SFO and JTF will, of course, apply. In addition, you will support the operational needs of JTF-132 to the limit of the funds currently made available to you for that purpose, noting that General Clarkson is instructed to consult with the Commission in case operational necessity should require the expenditure of AEC funds beyond those available to the Field Manager, Eniwetok.

The Commission is aware of the many temporary administrative adjustments and compromises required for the success of our objective. We are reassured by the record to date, however, that cooperation between you and the Commander, JTF-132 will solve any difficulties as they arise.

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General Manager

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Enclosures:  
Ltr. from Dean to Clarkson, 7/18.

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