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BY H.R. Schmidt

7/15/85

Dear General Clarksons:

By: W. Tench 8/21/85

\*By letter of April 27, 1951, the Military Liaison Committee advised the Atomic Energy Commission that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had approved the organization for military participation in future atomic weapons tests. The Joint Chiefs of Staff specifically charged the Task Force Commander with acting as an agent for the Commission for the exercise of such functions on behalf of the Commission as the latter may deem necessary. The Commission has advised the Department of Defense of its intention to designate you as their special representative in the Eniwetok area effective with the start of the operational phase of IVY and has agreed with the Department of Defense on August 21, 1952, as the start of this phase.

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Accordingly, you are requested to accept this designation, together with full authority to act for the Commission in all matters which concern the successful execution of Task Force Operation Plan 2-52, as amended. This authority is operational in nature and not intended to transfer to you any of the continuing administrative responsibilities of the Field Manager, Eniwetok, or the normal responsibilities for the technical direction of the J-Division, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. The Commission desires that command channels to AEC contractors now in effect at the site be left in effect and used so far as practicable. Should operational necessity require expenditure of AEC funds beyond those available to the Field Manager, Eniwetok, it will be necessary for you to consult the Commission.

The effective date of your authority, if accepted, will be August 21, 1952. Operational uncertainties make it impossible to state now the exact date for termination of this authority. Be expect, however, that it will coincide with the termination of the operational phase of Operation IVY.

Authority to fire up to two shots and to expend specific amounts of fissionable material has been requested from the President and will be communicated to you when received. The number and type of models, including spares, are being determined by the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory with Commission approval.

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\* See AEC 334/6 (Filed 471.6(5-12-52))

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As Commission representative, you are responsible for, and the designated custodian of, the atomic devices and their components which will be transported overseas for this operation. Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, Manager, Santa Fe Operations Office, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, will be directed to make necessary transfers of material into your custody. To assist you in the technical accountability aspects, however, Mr. Tyler has established a Source and Fissionable Material Accountability Station at the Pacific Proving Grounds which will be responsible to you for accountability and proper maintenance of accountability records for all nuclear components, both enroute to and from, and in, the Pacific Proving Grounds.

The Commission recognizes your responsibility as Task Force Commander to make decisions and take proper action in emergency situations where the health and safety of Task Force personnel or property are concerned, or where the National interest must be protected. You are authorized under such circumstances to make emergency disposal of fissionable materials, if required. If you do make such disposal, the Commission should be notified at the earliest practicable opportunity. You are requested to keep the Commission informed of any significant developments which arise in the course of the Operation.

You may be assured of our full support in your undertaking and our sincere wishes for your success.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

T. Keith Glennan  
Acting Chairman

Major General P. W. Clarkson, USA  
Commander, Joint Task Force 132  
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Enclosure  
Cy 4A of Memo. to Mr. Tyler  
from Mr. Boyer.

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