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Mr. William L. Borden  
Executive Director  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States

BY Carl Wilson DATE 4/16/84  
BY HR Schmidt DATE 7/15/85

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Dear Mr. Borden:

With the concurrence of the Department of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission has designated Major General P. W. Clarkson, USA, Commander, Joint Task Force 132, as its special representative at the Pacific Proving Grounds (Eniwetok) effective August 21, 1952. This designation gives General Clarkson the authority to act for the Commission during the operational phase in all matters affecting successful execution of the Joint Task Force operation plan for IVY.

By: W. Trench  
8/21/85

Presidential authority to fire up to two shots and to expend the required amounts of fissionable material has been requested. When received, it will be communicated to General Clarkson as his authority to execute that phase of his operation plan.

In a complementary action, this same amount of authority has necessarily been withdrawn from the Manager, Santa Fe Operations, for the same period. The Manager, SFO, will nevertheless support the Commander, JTF-132 in the latter's AEC capacity with funds, personnel, and services.

The terminal date for this authority will coincide with termination of the overseas operational phase of IVY which, although it depends on weather, operational difficulties, and other variables, we estimate to be about December 1, 1952. We will inform you of its termination in reporting the results of the operation.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Schlatter  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Director of  
Military Application

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