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OPERATIONAL MESSAGES FOR FUTURE WEAPONS TEST

Note by the Secretary

1. The attached letter from the Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force 132, has been submitted by the Executive Officer, Division of Military Application together with the following comment:

"The series of operational reports to the Chairman from the Commander, Joint Task Force 132 proposed in the attached letter has been agreed to by the Division of Military Application on behalf of the Commission."

2. The memorandum is not abstracted because of its conciseness.

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HEADQUARTERS JOINT TASK FORCE 132 WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

21 August 1952

Brigadier General Kenneth E. Fields Director, Division of Military Application United States Atomic Energy Commission Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Fields:

I believe it will be mutually advantageous for coordination to be effected at this time on the matter of operational messages to be dispatched during the critical period of IVY. To keep the Atomic Energy Commission informed of the progress during the tests, CJTF 132 proposes to send the following messages to the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission:

Approx M minus 9 Days: A message indicating that Official

Observers should leave Washington, D.C. on M minus 5 Days (calendar date of departure will be specified at that time).

Approx M minus 5 Days:

A message indicating that M-Day is expected to take place during a 5day period beginning November, weather permitting. A subsequent message will be dispatched if unfavorable weather requires postponement beyond this 5-Day period.

M minus 1 Day:

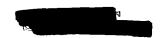
A message stating the date and approximate hour the MIKE device

will be detonated.

H Hour plus 30 minutes: A message giving the exact time the

MIKE detonation took place, a general estimate as to the overall effective-

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ness of the experimental device, and a report on the safety of Task Force personnel.

H Hour plus 72 Hours:

A summary containing an estimate as to the yield of the MIKE device, a remark as to the overall condition of the Eniwetok Proving Ground, a remark as to the degree of success in data recovery operations, a statement as to the implications regarding the safety of civilian and military populations in the Pacific Area other than Task Force personnel, and a preliminary estimate as to the 5-day period during which KING Shot is expected to take place.

As Required:

A message reporting any major occurence having significant impact on CJTF 132's operational mission.

It is contemplated that a similar sequence of messages will be dispatched during the KING Shot phase of the operation.

For your information, a similar letter has been sent to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, U.S. Army, proposing that the Executive Agent and the Joint Chiefs of Staff receive operational messages identical to those enumerated above.

I believe these dispatches will meet requirements for immediate information on the broad operational aspects in which the Atomic Energy Commission is interested initially. However, if the Atomic Energy Commission desires additional elements of information that can be practicably obtained and incorporated in the proposed dispatches we would appreciate an early indication of your desires in this respect.

Yours very truly,

/s/ A.R. Walk

A.R. WALK Brigadier General, USA Chief of Staff