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MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION

RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON OPERATION SANDSTONE

Note by the General Manager

There are attached a memorandum from Lt. General Hull and a draft press release.

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OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HULL  
7 November 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Russell

SUBJECT: Release of Information to the Public on Operat.  
Sandstone.

1. It is conceivable that information of this operation may leak to the press at any time. Any inquiries made to this office which indicate such a leak has occurred will be forwarded immediately to General MacCormack.

2. In the event of a serious leak, it is believed that the proposed press release as agreed to by The Secretary of Defense and the AEC should be used as the official announcement. It is understood that such announcement would be made by the AEC. They to be responsible for any clearances other than those from the Department of Defense.

/s/ J. E. HULL, Lieutenant General  
United States Army

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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND  
THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVING GROUND

The Second Semi-Annual Report to the Congress by the United States Atomic Energy Commission, transmitted July 22, 1947, stated: "The Atomic Energy Commission is establishing proving grounds in the Pacific for routine experiments and tests of atomic weapons."

The Atomic Energy Commission has requested the Armed Forces to undertake the major portion of the necessary construction work at the Proving Ground.

Lt. General J. E. Hull, Commanding General of Army Ground Forces in the Pacific, has been appointed to coordinate the activities of the Army, Navy and Air Force in the construction and preparation of the Proving Ground.