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ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATION IN TEST OPERATIONS

Note by the Secretary

1. Attached for the information of the Commission is a memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff replying to the Commission memorandum of March 2, 1950, commenting on the plan for the participation of the Armed Forces in the 1951 proof-test.

2. The memorandum of March 2, 1950, from the Commission to the Joint Chiefs of Staff is identical with the Appendix to AEC 153/8.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION:

Through: Chairman, Military Liaison Committee.

Subject: Armed Forces Participation  
in 1951 Atomic Weapons  
Proof Testing.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the comments of the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, in his memorandum, dated 2 March 1950.

At the time the plan for the participation of the armed forces in the 1951 atomic weapons proof testing was considered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the organization and support required for Joint Task Force THREE were not fixed. To a degree this is still true. For this reason it was believed necessary to qualify the directives to the Services to prevent a possible expansion of this operation from exceeding the capabilities of the Services. However, the Joint Chiefs of Staff assure you that adequate support will be provided for Operation GREENHOUSE.

It is not anticipated that any difficulty will arise in meeting the requirements as outlined in the plan for the participation of the armed forces in the 1951 atomic weapons proof testing. However, any sizable increase will have to be reconsidered in the light of total capabilities and other commitments of the Services.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff concur in the recommendation that the Task Force Commander be designated as the overall representative of the Atomic Energy Commission during the overseas operation.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

/s/ W. G. Lator

W. G. LATOR,  
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Secretary

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