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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In Chairman Lillienthal's absence today, I am acknowledging for the Commission your letter of April 17 on the subject of a public statement concerning Proving Ground Operations.

The Commission appreciates your confirmation of the conversation on this subject between you, Mr. D. F. Carpenter, Mr. Lillienthal and myself on April 15.

The Commission feels, as was then stated, that issuance of a brief statement today will contribute to the best interests of national security.

Most of all, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation of the mutually cooperative relationship, referred to in your letter, which we of course consider to be vital to the national interest.

Your own personal understanding and attitude in the case of a specific decision, where a balance was not easy to strike but where one had to be struck, are most gratifying.

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Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

W. W. Waymack, Commissioner

Honorable Kenneth C. Royal
Secretary of the Army
Department of National Defense

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