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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION:

SUBJECT: Refund of Armed Forces Participation Funds in Connection with Operation SANDSTONE

Reference is made to JCS 1795/6 and JCS 1795/10.

As the Executive Agent for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I now find it apparent that Armed Forces participation costs in connection with Operation SANDSTONE will be substantially less than originally estimated. In order that you may make other legal use of surplus legislative funds, the three Departments have been directed to return \$8,000,000 by 1 May 1948 and to be further prepared to return an additional \$2,000,000 on or about 20 May 1948, when so advised.

Estimated costs for fiscal year 1948 are \$10,000,000; and for fiscal year 1949 are \$4,000,000. It is requested that the funds for fiscal year 1949 be made available at the earliest possible date.

In connection with the figures above, it should be pointed out that current plans contemplate the establishing of certain facilities at the proving ground to remain in existence after SANDSTONE tests are completed. The facilities will, generally, insure:

The availability of test sites for long-range observations required by the Atomic Energy Commission; and security of sites as necessary to prevent unauthorized agents securing therefrom valuable scientific data. Because of data not available until tests are completed, the cost of such facilities cannot be estimated at the present time, but will be covered by separate request and are not included in the figures above.

(Sgd) Omar N. Bradley

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