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Dear Dr. Brodway:

I have just read Pressman's letter of October 23, 1952 (TAD-963). It is unfortunate that confusion exists on the decisions made at the Eniwetok conference on October 7.

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting on which General Clarkson and I agreed. I am sure that this will serve to clarify the issues. Also attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. Dean to Mr. LeBaron requesting the Department of Defense concurrence in the basic criteria for future over seas tests. On the subject of limitations on number of shots, we are budgeting on the basis of a total of four shots for each over seas operation, two of which are negation devices, the other two being high yield fission devices. Under this assumption, one Mike-type shot would be done at Eniwetok and one other Mike-type shot would be held at Bikini. Both high-yield fission shots would be held at Eniwetok. To insure sufficient funds in F.Y. 1954, all shots are budgeted for on the basis of being detonated at ground-level as for MIKE. Included in this total of four is one Mike-type shot for FCHL, in both CASTLE and REDWING.

The number of shots was limited to four primarily because of the severe load on J-Division personnel for the steady schedule of tests both on the continent and overseas. It also serves to reduce the logistic load on the Department of Defense by keeping the length of the operational phase relatively short. There is no restriction on either Los Alamos or FCHL creative thinking in the weapon field intended in the choice of the upper limits of four shots for each overseas test operation. It is intended that the scope of each operation remain of the equivalent complexity inherent in four ground-level shots. To stay within funds available and possible operational limitations should more shots be BEST COPY AVAILABLE

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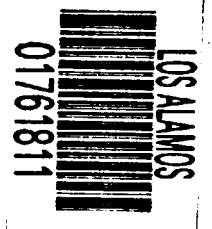
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desired, substitution of air-drops for ground units could be considered. In the final analysis any proposed increase in equivalent scope would have to receive Commission blessing.

On the subject of dividing overseas operations into two parts, I would like to discuss this with you, Darul, and Al before this proposition gets much further.

Sincerely yours,

K. E. Fields
Brigadier General, USA
Director of Military Application

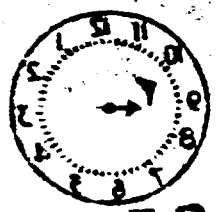
Enclosures:

- 1. Cy 1B of Minutes of Meeting dtd 7 Oct 52.
- 2. Cy 10B of Ltr. fr. Mr. Dean to Mr. LeBaron dtd 11/3/52

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