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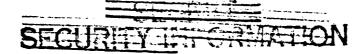
I received your letter of 80 March 1973 with enclosures. Thank you very much for the clipping. Bill Ogle and I are very happy with the nonimation of Colonel Gilbert as Commander of TV 13 and with that of Captain Kingsley as his deputy. The Special Air Mission in early June seems appropriate and I should be very happy to accompany General Clarkson. Please send me Pate's report as soon as it is available. His conclusions are quite interesting and will receive careful consideration when we have his data available to us.

The remaining paragraphs of your letter reach conclusions on the basis of an hypothesis which I am sure is mistaken, that is, that five-sixths of all our activities will be centered on Bikini. This will be far from true for the following reasons:

- 1. All cryogenic work will be done on Enivetek.
- 2. All down repair and unintenance work will be done on Eniwetek.
- 3. Five of the six devices will be assembled and tested on Extretok.
- 4. Machine shop, laboratory, photographic, warehouse and stockroom facilities will remain on Enivetek.
- 5. Much proliminary assembly and testing of experimental equipment will be done as Entwood.
- 6. The port of entry for aircraft and most shipping vill rounin on Entrotok.
- 7. Our radio links with Los Alemos and Onks will remain on Enivotek.

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In short, the only portions of our activities which will move to Bikini will involve a portion of our experiments and personnel. In the past, this has included only a small fraction of Task Force personnel. As strong arguments against this nove I would point out that: first, General Clarkson and I made a firm commitment to the Commission that we would adhere to the concost that Bikini is just another shot island a little further off. In my judgement this suggested nove is contrary to that concept. Second, our original argument for the use of Bikini was based on the desirability of not journatizing the expensive facilities on Enivetch and Farry so that they would be usable in future operations. Third, this ignores General Clarkson's desire to yell the Bask Force tegether on Entwook Atoll. Fourth, the placing of shots on Bikini Atell was designed to minimise evacuation problens. Your proposal to add another five hundred people on a different island of Bikini will give us another complicated operational problem. Fifth, if you think communications were a problem on Ivy, whit until you see the result of scattering the command over three Atolia and 10,000 square miles of scene. Sixth, I do not understand the philosophy of placing the command in the ferencet outpost of the line rather than in the rear where it can supply the front lines and direct their activities. And last, I believe you promised me on the phone that this would never be suggested.

As for moving the Air Tack Group to Kwajalein, I can only say that our memories of our Ivy problems are very short. Point One was never able to care for its people on Kwajalein because of communications and distance problems, and the lack of coordination between the Point Four Tack Group, the head-quarters of the Tack Force and Foint One were a serious defect in the Ivy Operation. Your brush-off of the problem of finding operational weather on Kwajalein, Bikini and Enivetek simultaneously is a masterpiece. I still think General Clarkson's desire to pull his communit together was, and is, correct.

I would suggest that we discuss this before further action is taken.

Sincerely,

Original signed by ALVIN C. GRAVES

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