

MEMORANDUM

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To: Associate and Assistant Directors
Division Leaders
Family Committee Members

27 April 1951

From: N. E. Bradbury

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Subject: Booster Shot (u)

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The following TWX has been received from the Atomic Energy Commission:

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"Atomic Energy Commission believes that criteria for shooting booster have changed since the time when Greenhouse Program was approved by Commission and other Washington authorities.

"A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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"B. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Successful firing

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of Booster would give improved insurance toward reducing such ambiguities.

"C. Prospects in the international situation and the magnitude of task force mobilization costs certainly do not indicate that firing of Booster during some future operation will be any easier, more certain or less expensive than during Greenhouse.

"The above considerations have led the Commission to conclude that in the interest of the Weapon Development Program as a whole, Booster should be fired. Since any technical developments which might reverse the Commission's conclusion above revolve largely around the Los Alamos Laboratory Program, we are requesting Dr. Bradbury to give special attention to this problem during the intervening weeks."

2. I have accordingly dispatched the following TWX to Graves at Eniwetok:

"Reference is made to secret TWX from Dean to Quesada containing sentence quote The above considerations have led the Commission to conclude that in the interest of the Weapon Development Program as a whole, Booster should be fired unquote. There are no present technical developments at Los Alamos which would lead us to recommend a reversal of the Commission's decision in this matter.

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Accordingly, unless there are practical reasons at Eniwetok which make it inadvisable, impractical, or impossible to shoot the Booster, this shot should be added to your experimental program and subject to cancellation only for technical reasons not now foreseen or because of practical difficulties at Eniwetok which are unknown to us. Should this be the case would appreciate your immediate advice."

3. The following reply has been sent to the Atomic Energy Commission:

"Reference is made to your TWX..... There are no present technical developments at Los Alamos which would lead us to recommend a reversal of the Commission's decision in this matter."

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Accordingly, unless there are practical reasons at Eniwetok which make it inadvisable, impractical, or impossible to shoot the Booster, this shot will be added to our program and subject to cancellation only for technical reasons not now foreseen or because of practical difficulties at Eniwetok unknown to us."

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