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ENIWETOK MATTERS

On August 1, 1972, I was assigned the overall authority and responsibility within the AEC for coordinating interagency and intraagency matters related to the rehabilitation of the Eniwetok Atoll. Our progress to date in this effort has revealed that there are some matters involving Eniwetok which may not have a direct or apparent effect on the rehabilitation but which can cause difficulties. The experience has been that all AEC interests in Eniwetok Atoll, no matter how remote from rehabilitation they may seem, have the potential for playing a significant role in our actions in the rehabilitation program by creating misunderstandings or becoming involved in current litigation involving the Department of Defense Pacific Area Cratering Experiments.

In view of the above, I request that you ensure that all matters dealing with Eniwetok are coordinated with the Test Office, Division of Military Application, prior to completing your various actions. Your responsibilities and prerogatives will be respected and I personally assure you no significant time will be lost in this coordination.

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