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4 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF SCIENTIST, DASA

SUBJECT: Test Program for Evaluation of Storage, Handling and Transportation Criteria of Plutonium Bearing Weapons

1. Reference memorandum DASAST, 15 May 1962, subject as above, to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. As you know, a certain urgency is attached to execution of the scavenging portion of this test program this year. In order to facilitate matters we have, pending Dr. Johnson's action on the recommendations in the referenced memorandum, reconnoitered sites for the scavenging test. We felt that the data we accumulated on these reconnaissances would be of use to the agency finally selected to plan and execute the test. Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, appears as very possibly the best site.

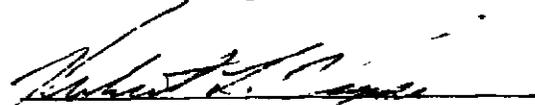
3. Our examination of Dugway highlights the fact that time is short if the test is to be completed this year, no matter what site is finally chosen by the agency executing the test.

4. While distances and environmental conditions at Dugway Proving Ground are suitable for conducting tests during the spring, summer and early fall months of the year, the winds which prevail during the late fall and winter months will preclude the conducting of any plutonium tests after the early part of October and prior to late April or early May.

5. If we consider that the last of the four test shots must take place on or before 15 October, working backward in time, we get a schedule somewhat as follows:

a. Last of four shots	15 Oct-1 Nov
b. First of four shots	20 Sep-22 Sep
c. Completion of test structures	15 Sep-20 Sep
d. Start of construction of test structure	15 Jul-25 Jul
e. Submission of proposals by contractors	10 Jul-20 Jul
f. Invitation of contractors to bid on construction of test structures	1 Jul

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g. Completion of Plan of Test and
(concurrently) completion of con-
struction drawings of test structures 20 June

h. Beginning of preparation of con-
struction drawings of test structures 1 June

6. DASA is in the process of transferring funds to the Corps of Engineers for the preparation of drawings suitable for use in inviting proposals from contractors for the construction of test structures; so the 1 June deadline may be considered as met. If the rest of the schedule is to be met, decisions on the following should be obtained, at the latest, by 8 June 1962.

- a. Degree and manner of British participation
- b. Funding citation
- c. Identity of agency to formulate and execute plan of test

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