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REMARKS

The DASA-type storage structure proposed in the letter of 6 Apr 62 by Dr. Johnson to Sir Solly Zuckerman has been accepted by the U.K. for the two sites in the U.K. Presumably, SACLANC will be able to proceed with the construction.

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FROM NAME OR TITLE William J. Otting, Jr.	DATE 7 June 62
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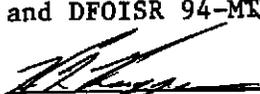
Dear Glenn:

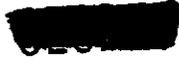
In your letter of March 19, 1962, you concurred in the desirability of conducting a proposed test to further assess the adequacy of criteria applicable to the storage, transportation and handling of plutonium bearing nuclear weapons. You suggested that the desirability of UK participation in such a test, be decided after initial planning discussions have taken place. A preliminary plan for the proposed test program has been developed by the Defense Atomic Support Agency in coordination with the Division of Military Application. A copy of the outline plans for both portions of the proposed test is attached for your information.

As I indicated in my letter of February 20, 1962, the result of the proposed test program should provide the basis for resolving US-UK differences on safety criteria. The final criteria evaluation will probably have an important impact upon the storage costs of US weapons, in the UK and possibly other NATO nations. As you know, many of the technical differences stem primarily from differences of interpretation. I feel that active UK participation in the planning and execution of the test program will assist greatly in arriving at a mutually acceptable set of safety criteria.

I hope that a meeting in Washington, attended by representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Department of Defense, Sandia Corporation, and the United Kingdom, can be held in mid-June for the purpose of further development of

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those test plans.

I would appreciate your concurrence in inviting UK participation in the planning and execution of the proposed test program. Subject to your concurrence, I plan to extend shortly an invitation to Sir Solly Zukerman requesting the designation of UK representatives to attend this planning conference in June.

In view of the time remaining, I would appreciate an early expression of your views.

Sincerely,

Signed: Jerry

Gerald W. Johnson
Assistant to the Secretary
of Defense (Atomic Energy)

Attachment
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