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INFO: CHELSEAN RASA SARRIAS ALBUQUERQUE FIELD

CONF 6 04646 From BASATP, CRAF for APOSS.

1. This agency has been directed to plan to execute a field experiment, Operation ROLLER COASTER, under joint sponsorship of DOD-AEC-NSA. Objectives of this experiment are to define problems of radiation exposure to personnel associated with non-nuclear destruction of plutonium bearing weapons and to determine the degree of hazard reduction afforded by earth covered storage structures. The USAF is greatly interested in this test because it relates to transportation, storage, and handling nuclear weapons in preparation for tactical and strategic strike missions.

RJC 2. Extensive investigations of possible test sites show that an area which includes the Stonewall Flats area in Las Vegas Burning and Gunnery Range (coordinates 37 degrees 33 minutes north to 37 degrees 45 minutes north and 116 degrees 46 minutes west to 117 degrees

06 minutes west) would fulfill restrictive requirements of the test, *which cannot be fulfilled at other known sites.*

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Exclusive use of area would be required for approximately six months, starting 15 Jan 62. Following the test, land would be available as bombing and gunnery range.

3. It is requested that the Stonewall Flats area of the Las Vegas Bombing and Gunnery Range, bounded as indicated above, be made available to this agency for the period and purposes described. CP-3.

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ROBERT E. DOON
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M/R: CN 21263 and 21411 apply. COMFLDCOM DASA, proposed to CG Nellis AFB (CN21263) to discuss use requirements of Operation ROLLER COASTER, and answered by CG Nellis AFB, (CN21411) stating discussions unnecessary since Mgr, NVOO, had already submitted the requirements which had been forwarded to higher Headquarters for resolution. This action proposed per Gen. Donnelly and Col. Kiley's request to take action directly to C/S USAF to expedite final action.

Declassified By DNA, Chief, ISTS

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