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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
NEVADA PROVING GROUND OPERATION

DOE NEVADA PROVING GROUND OPERATION EO 12958
BY *[Signature]* 10/25/96 LANL/FSS-16
(NAME DATE)

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement is to summarize the principles governing activities of the Department of Defense (DOD) in connection with operations at the Nevada Proving Ground.

2. General

a. The Nevada Proving Ground is a facility of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) operated under the jurisdiction of the Manager, Santa Fe Operations (SFO) for the conduct of atomic weapons tests and associated experiments and demonstrations as required by the AEC, the DOD and other government agencies.

b. During non-operational periods the Proving Ground is under the immediate supervision of the Manager, Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO), AEC. During operational periods, the Manager, SFO, in the capacity of Test Manager assumes operational responsibility for all test activities within the Proving Ground. In addition to participating in, the conducting experiments, the DOD assists the AEC in the conduct of test operations.

3. Specific:

a. During non-operational periods the Commanding General, Field Command will maintain a detachment to assist the Manager, LVFO in facilitating visits by DOD personnel, to maintain DOD property, and to provide radSAFE services to the AEC, *also weather personnel. jcy*

b. During non-operational periods the Commanding General, Field Command (Directorate of Weapons Effects Tests) is responsible for the technical supervision of preparations for DOD-sponsored experiments, for coordinating other military participation, and for arranging for military assistance to the AEC. In fulfilling these responsibilities the Directorate of Weapons Effects Tests

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will coordinate actions with J-Division, Los Alamos Laboratory, and with the Office of Test Operations, SFO.

e. For the execution of DOD-sponsored test operations, the Manager, SFO will report to the Chief, AFSWP through the Commanding General, Field Command.

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A mutually satisfactory organization will be activated in which DOD personnel are functionally integrated to the maximum feasible extent. Military units engaged in test activities (exclusive of Desert Rock troops) will perform tasks on an agreed mission basis pursuant to the request of the Commanding General, Field Command with prior concurrence of the Manager, SFO. Desert Rock exercises, once agreed in general scope between the DOD and the AEC will be permitted by the Test Manager under such controls as are deemed necessary by the Test Manager.

d. Facilities at the Nevada Proving Ground irrespective of origin will be shared on an equitable basis.

e. The Commanding General, Field Command will direct a senior officer, normally the Director of Weapons Effects Tests, to report to the Test Manager and serve as the Test Manager's Deputy for Military Operations. Matters involving military administration, accountability of DOD-owned equipment and supplies, and the expenditures of DOD funds will be referred to the Commanding General, Field Command or to other DOD agencies by the Deputy for Military Operations without reference to the Test Manager unless matters of principle pertinent to the AEC are involved.

4. Changes:

a. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to alter existing agreements covering security and fiscal matters. Additional agreements covering special subjects or formal concurrence in plans and procedures will augment this agreement as required.

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b. The terms and conditions of this agreement may be changed at any time by mutual agreement of the Manager SFO and the Commanding General, Field Command.

APPROVED:

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