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MEMORANDUM FOR: Test Director

SUBJECT: Firing Times

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1. This office has been reviewing the presently scheduled firing times for our two effects shots in Frenchman Flat. As can be expected with the variety of projects involved, no single firing time can be optimum for all projects on any one shot. The principal conflicts involve the technical photography operations, the primary fire ignition thermal experiments and the smoke projects.

2. It becomes evident that relatively early firing times would be required to give a better chance of success on the smoke projects. These firing times would be completely incompatible with the photography requirements. Because of the extent of the technical photography operations it has been decided to schedule the earliest firing time which will give adequate illumination for the motion picture photography. This firing time will be satisfactory for the primary ignition fire projects but will make the success of the smoke experiments more doubtful than if they could be conducted about two hours earlier.

3. Following the above review this memorandum is for the purpose of restating our desire for a firing time of 0830 PST or 0930 PDT for each of the two effects shots in Frenchman Flat.

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