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MEMORANDUM FOR: Test Director

SUBJECT: Military Effects Group Photography in Yucca Flat

1. The Military Effects Group photographic plan was undertaken with the understanding that " " clearances would not be necessary for photographers and that active military ~~SECRET~~ clearances would be adequate.

2. Present regulations require " " clearances for photographers operating in Yucca Flat. Although the Military Effects Group participation in Yucca Flat is of a minor nature, there is a considerable amount of photography required for record and report purposes. " " clearance forms have been filed for a number of people in our photographic group, but at this time we have only one " " cleared photographer, and he is the Program Director. We do not expect completion of these " " clearances in sufficient time to relieve our current man-power problem.

3. Our Program 9 has been given the responsibility for the accounting for exposed film, its issue and storage, and its processing and distribution after the finished print has gone through classification. The entire laboratory activity is being performed with personnel holding military ~~SECRET~~ clearances.

4. It would be appreciated if you could arrange a mechanism permitting our military ~~SECRET~~ cleared photographers to have access to Yucca Flat to make pictures as required for the Military Effects Group program. We are perfectly willing to abide by any reasonable regulations concerning photography showing diagnostic tests and facilities. We are also of the opinion that a close check on this exists at the time classification is established on the individual photographs after they are processed.

5. We find it is within regulations for ~~SECRET~~ cleared personnel to wander about Yucca Flat observing things at will. It also appears to be within regulations for ~~SECRET~~ cleared personnel to process Yucca Flat photographs, and to otherwise handle them after they have been returned to Camp Mercury. In view of these facts we find it hard to rationalize a situation where only the man holding the camera in Yucca Flat must have a " " clearance.

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6. The work load of our Program 9 is increasing daily. We are adequately staffed with military SECRET cleared personnel to handle our requirements. Any steps that you can take to facilitate our photography operation in Yucca Flat would be greatly appreciated. I assure you that we wish to cooperate with regulations as established and I also assure you that we are prepared to take the responsibility associated with whatever operation plan may be established for us.



E. B. DOLL  
Director

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