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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. B. HARTGERING,
RAD-SAFE OFFICER

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Today, I had a telephone conversation with Lt. Col. J. B. Hartgering regarding the following three items:

a. Detonation Times for Shots 5 and 7. It had been proposed that the detonation times for Shots 5 and 7 be about one-half hour before sunrise. This comes as an experimental requirement from the weapon Development Group. Dr. Gaalen Felt contacted Colonel Paul H. Fackler regarding air logistics and Dr. Herbert E. Scoville regarding Weapon Effects projects and I contacted Colonel E. W. Kesling this morning regarding air logistics and Colonel Hartgering regarding the Rad-Safe problem. All, except Colonel Hartgering, are in agreement to this proposal, and Colonel Hartgering stated that since this is the first tower shot, he would prefer that it be done as late as possible. However, since this was an experimental requirement of the weapon development group, he would concur in the request and would require a careful study of the surface winds on days previous to the shot day.

b. Space in the Control Point Building #1. I told Colonel Hartgering about the limited space available in the CP and advised him that Lt. Col. P. S. Gwynn had told Dr. Felt, within the last day or so, that he needed 850 square feet (330 square feet are provided). I discussed this problem with Hartgering pointing out that it was my understanding that only he (Colonel Hartgering) would require space in the CP and that Gwynn and his operational group would be located entirely in the Rad-Safe building. Colonel Hartgering stated that he also understood that it would not be necessary for Gwynn to have any office space in the CP and he further stated that provided the Test Organization maintained an air plot of the cloud in an adjacent office (SWC and/or Clark's office), he would not require any more space than the already allotted 330 square feet.

c. Air Sampling Project. Colonel Hartgering had a meeting with Dr. Shields Warren in the office of Biology and Medicine, AEC, and at that time it was agreed that Colonel Hartgering would attempt to obtain the services of eighteen (18) military people in addition to the twelve (12) which Dr. Warren might be able to furnish from the AEC and the USPHS. However, after that conference, Colonel Hartgering attempted to locate from the Chemical Corps the 18 semi-trained men and he met with no success. Further, Colonel Hartgering told me that in the event any military people were located, funds would have to be provided by the AEC for the payment of per diem, travel, etc. Colonel Hartgering called Colonel Hertford (OTO, SFO) on this matter and Hertford said he had no funds. As of the present time, this project is pretty much in the air and Clark stated he would call Dr. Warren later today to see what could be done about it.

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