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(Sig. of second reviewer, title, organization, date)

Dear Al,

I hope you are enjoying your well earned vacation in Florida.  
I expect you have learned to like the tropical climate as I have.

I am planning to return to Hawaii the end of the week and Cowart and I are expecting to visit Los Angeles again the first week in March to put the final o.k. on the documentary film. We are thinking that you can arrange to be there with us and perhaps we can pay a visit to Livermore Laboratories at that time. Our tentative date is to be at Los Angeles, Monday, March the second. I do not want to interfere with your leave and it may be that this date is too early for you. I would appreciate it very much if you would inform Cowart in regard to a suitable date.

I note from the organization chart that comes from Bill Ogle that he shows himself, in addition to Commander of the Scientific Task Group, as being in charge of Task Unit 6, the Firing Party. It is my feeling that Ogle should confine himself to being the Commander of the Scientific Task Group and not let himself get too much involved in the subordinate activities of the Firing Party. I would feel the same if Stan was remaining as CTG 7.1. This is a subject which I would like to discuss with you when I see you.

I expect to take much more stringent action in regard to security during the next operation. I feel that every dispatch that leaves the forward area must have the approval of the Task Group Commander himself or one of a few previously designated representatives. We must button it up absolutely tight so that no subordinate (such as Captain Grant) can send a message out of the Task Force area without the approval of one of the Task Group Commanders. We must be sure of the necessity for the message, its contents, classification and priority. Such things as these, of course, are a responsibility of the Task Group Commander and he should spend most of his time monitoring the activities of all of his Task Elements and not be tied down to actually operating one of them.

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The J-2 section here has expressed some concern over the fact that no J-2 or security section is shown in the Scientific Task Group organization as a staff section independent of other staff sections. I do not object if security is placed in the J-1 or J-3 section so long as it is given proper attention and security measures are laid on with proper authority and adequate effectiveness. During the next operation I intend to require Task Group Commanders to set up a realistic educational program on the responsibility of the individual toward overall security. I received a highly critical letter from CINCPACFLT on this subject which is to some extent borne out by what happened in the three instances with which we are familiar. It must not happen again.

I will discuss these subjects with you when I next see you. I have not yet discussed them with Bill Ogle.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you in Los Angeles on such date as is agreed upon by you and Cowart.

Sincerely yours,



P. W. CLARKSON  
Major General, USA  
Commander

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