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SUBJECT: STATUS OF EPG

In Chairman McCone's April 22, 1960, letter to the Secretary of Defense, and in Mr. Douglas' reply of May 16, agreement was reached that a readiness state for nuclear test resumption at the Eniwetok Proving Ground need no longer be maintained, because of the low probability that atmospheric testing will occur in the future.

In response to Chairman McCone's inquiry as to the DoD interest in taking over EPG, Mr. Douglas replied that the DoD has a requirement for the area as an addition to the Pacific Missile Range, and desires to make arrangement for an early transfer of the facility and equipment to that agency.

I intend, therefore, to proceed with negotiation of a satisfactory written agreement to transfer the plant facilities and the equipment and supply at the EPG on a non-reimbursable basis from the AEC to the DoD. I would intend to include in the agreement recognition in principle that the AEC could use the EPG for any activity which it might later need to conduct there if it is accomplished without cost to the DoD and without interference with DoD essential activities there.

Some of the equipment now stored at Eniwetok may be useful at the Nevada Test Site and in Plowshare and detection improvement programs. We are now investigating that possibility and intend to bring back certain of the equipment there, where it proves to be economical for such purposes.

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