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By ERC

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7:55 a.m. - Gen. Groves called jol NND

It is surely "results satisfactory" but probably "results above expectations"

Only able to guess at things as it will take at least a day to make reasonable calculations and will take a week or so for detailed ones that will tell the final story.

The Director, who has always taken a pessimistic attitude gave a figure to LRG that he just picked out of the air -- "21" -- as his minimum.

LRG has always taken the figure of "5"

Fermi told Groves that he felt that Groves figure was a minimum and he feels it might well be 10.

Rabi made an estimate on another type of measurement in which he gave a figure of "18".

LRG thinks the real answer is certainly "satisfactory plus" but it ranges between "above expectations", "excellent" and "satisfactory plus".

With respect to "estimated force kilotons" can see no reason to change any of our previous ideas of what LRG has previously given GLHarrison. The probable one is what LRG has always held to and not pessimistic.

With respect to "attention of press and public attracted by explosion" where Lt. Parish is the thing brought to his attention was public attracted for a period of 4 seconds by lights and that was followed by a period of about half as long a little later by a glow. This may have some effect on our policy with relation to the press.

LRG will advise as soon as anything further comes in on that subject.

Also advise GLH that Groves sees no reason why he can't inform his boss of the two things above and which are of extreme importance to him to know.

Advise that Gen. Groves expects to start home this aft. to arrive tomorrow aft. Will probably stop at Oklahoma City tonite. Wants to be met at National Airport with an officer and a car.

Balance transcribed in phone calls for that date July 16th.

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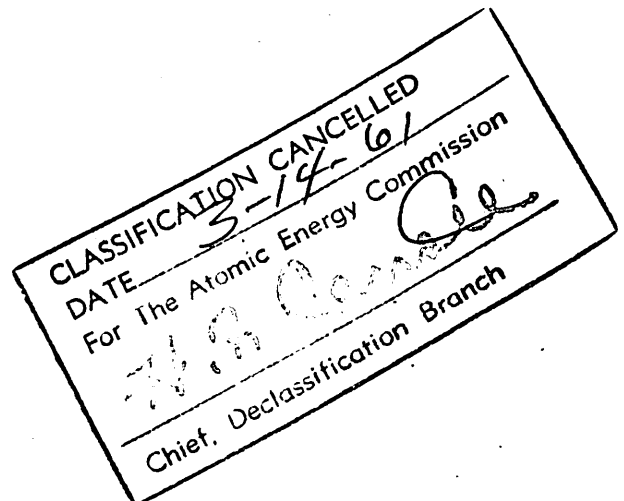
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9:50 a.m. - ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Harrison spoke with Gen. Groves re: Groves advised when he phoned before it was a ~~good~~ satisfactory plus but it now seems to be a good excellent and certainly "above expectations". Haven't had a chance yet to make detailed measurements but we are going by guess but the figure Groves has always given on this affair from the early start JRO now says is the minimum guess of what it could be.

It was seen about 180 miles. Where Parish is is about 60 miles away.

Gen. advised between words 31 and 32 pyrotechnics should be inserted



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