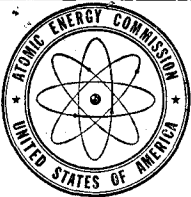


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Dear Ros:

Thank you for your thoughtful and informative reply of March 6, 1962, to my letter outlining Commission plans for the conduct of studies of the effects of nuclear war. I appreciate your offer to provide liaison as well as working members for these studies. To this end appropriate contact will be made with Dr. Gerald W. Johnson as you have suggested just as soon as the study group is set up.

I share the sense of urgency and importance you attach to the development of information and reports in these matters. My staff is currently in the process of organizing the group to be responsible for the studies, and as soon as this is completed I will ask that it devote its attention to the enumerated problem areas outlined in your letter and give a high priority to the establishment of realistic target dates for reports.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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