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3. HARDTACK Observer Plan

Mr. Strauss reported on a letter being prepared by the Deputy Secretary of Defense to the AEC regarding space allotments for AEC and DOD observers at HARDTACK. Mr. Strauss said he had requested General Starbird to discuss with the appropriate DOD representatives these proposed allotments. (See AEC 952/30, subsequently circulated.)

4. HARDTACK Open Shot

Mr. Floberg commented on a recent press announcement on the proposed plans for HARDTACK and questioned why the shot to be open to U.N. observers had not been referred to in the release.

Mr. Strauss explained that the details regarding the observers at the open shot had not been resolved and that this

shot had been deleted from the test. He added that he had discussed this matter with the President and that he had agreed to the deletion of the shot.

Mr. Strauss added that in a recent discussion with Mr. Morse Salisbury, Dr. Mark Mills had expressed his opinion that the open shot could be conducted without compromising classified information. Mr. Strauss said he had requested General Starbird to discuss this matter with Dr. Mills.

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