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Mr. R. W. Henderson
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Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Henderson:

The President has requested the Atomic Energy Commission to convey his commendation to the scientific personnel responsible for the success of the 1948 atomic weapon test program at Alvarado Atoll.

As Assistant Scientific Director in charge of overall engineering and weapon preparation you held grave responsibilities. The brilliant and efficient discharge of your responsibilities was a major contribution to the success of the test program. Your ability to analyze complicated situations and arrive at sound solutions demonstrated forcefully your professional accomplishments.

As a result of the 1948 proof test program our national defense potential has been significantly increased. You personally have rendered a great service to the nation and it is the Commission's privilege to convey to you the commendation of the President.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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