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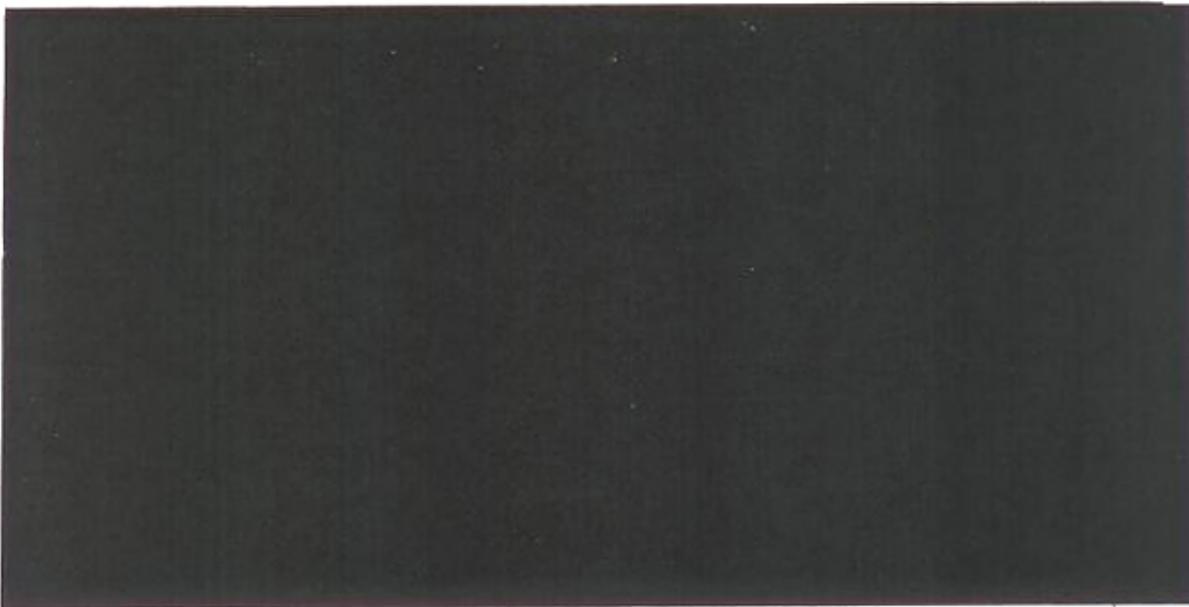
*John*

17 JUL 1961

General Lauris Norstad  
Supreme Allied Commander Europe  
APO 55, US Forces

Dear Larry,

I have just received a detailed briefing of the control procedures in effect in the theater and in USAFE for the release of atomic warfare. Only one area of the system gives me concern, and that is the possibility that the release order may be substantially delayed or not received as a result of loss of communications due to atomic attack.



While this procedure is almost identical to that which Freddie Smith had in effect prior to his departure, and which I am advised he had discussed with you, I wanted to let you

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know without delay of my actions in this respect. I look forward to discussing this subject at greater length with you at our first opportunity.

Sincerely,

T. H. LANDON  
General, USAF  
Commander-in-Chief

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