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SUBJECT: Mission Directive for the 1st Flight Test Section, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico

TO: Commanding General, Strategic Air Command, Bolling Field, D.C.

1. Purpose: To provide the 1st Flight Test Section, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a mission directive.

2. It is directed that the mission of the 1st Flight Test Section be:

a. To provide, through an assigned Air Materiel Command liaison staff, liaison with the Air Materiel Command on all matters pertaining to atomic development and technique.

b. To assist the Manhattan Engineer District in the development and flight testing of atomic weapons by providing aircraft, equipment, and personnel.

c. To provide selected Air Force personnel specialized ordnance and weaponeer training in atomic operations.

d. To provide facilities for staging tactical aircraft to assure dissemination of new operating techniques to tactical units.

e. To maintain close liaison with the Commanding General, 58th Bombardment Wing (VH) on all matters pertaining to testing and training activities, as well as matters pertaining to the normal functions of command.

3. It is contemplated that the command of the 1st Flight Test Section remain with the Commanding General, 58th Bombardment Wing (VH) on a temporary basis for a period of from eight (8) to ten (10) months at which time, and upon direction from this headquarters, command will pass to the Air Materiel Command.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SPAATZ:

/s/ Gen. Hood

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