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Training of Bomb Commanders and Weaponscrews

Deputy Commander, AAF

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1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Paragraph 1 of Comment No. 1, the undersigned (Generals LeMay and Kinsner) accompanied by Colonel J. G. Armstrong, the latter representing General Partridge, conferred with General Groves for more than an hour on the subject of training for bomb commanders and weaponscrews.

2. General Groves indicated his full understanding of the AAF position relative to weaponscrews being air combat crew members as set forth in paragraph 3 of the draft memorandum to the Chief of Staff (Tab 2). He also agreed to the issue of adequate trainees to provide for a total of thirty (30) bomb commanders and forty-five (45) weaponscrews.

3. The attached Memorandum for Record (Tab 1) sets forth the specific agreement reached at this conference. Since this matter has now been satisfactorily resolved at a level below the CG, AAF, and the War Department Chief of Staff, no further action is required by General Spotts. In addition, no discussion on this subject with General Abrand is believed necessary at this time.

4. It is recommended that:

- a. The Memorandum for General Spotts and inclosure (Tab 3) be forwarded; and
- b. The D/P and inclosure (Tab 4) be forwarded to the War Department (General Norstad) in view of the fact that WGEFO had been previously approached by the Air Staff and by General Groves in connection with the initiation of training of bomb commanders and weaponscrews specifically for the AAF.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STANGE

SUBJECT: Training of Bomb Commanders and Weaponscrews

1. The attached Memorandum for Record sets forth the agreements reached by Generals Lally and Messner with General Groves relative to the training of a certain number of needed bomb commanders and weaponscrews for the AF. Since a satisfactory agreement has been reached, no further assistance is requested of you, personally, at this time.

2. A copy of this Memorandum for Record is being forwarded to General Norstad since his office had been previously approached by the AF and by Groves in connection with the initiation of this special training.

E. C. FAIRB  
Lieut. General, USA  
Deputy Commander, AAF

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WDGFCO (GENERAL NORSTAD)

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1. Attached hereto, for your information, is a Memorandum for Record of agreements reached with General Groves by the undersigned and General Kissner relative to the initiation of training of bomb commanders and weapons for the AAF.

2. It is recommended that the War Department forward a copy of this memorandum to General Groves.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AAF;

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C. G. LEMAY  
Major General, USA  
DC/AS for Research and Development

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