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Dear

Atomic Weapons Tests - Board Meeting -
21st January, 1958.

I am to go to Canberra on Sunday night and it is unlikely that I will return until late on Tuesday. Therefore it appears that you will have to chair the next meeting of the Board.

Item 47 - Blood Counts:

As the Safety Committee have withdrawn their objection and blood counts are not required of civilians not entering the active area, I think the latest proposals could be accepted.

Item 53 - Service Support Force for Maralinga:

At the working party the Services stated that they could not provide after June, 1958, the full 97 men required. Unless they change their minds in the meantime the Board cannot carry out the duties assigned to it by the Minister for Defence of allocating between the Services a force of 97 people.

In such circumstances, I consider the only thing to do will be for the Board to resolve that it will report the result of its discussions back to the Department of Defence and ask that further directions be issued to the Services as to the size of the force to be provided. I understand that the Defence Representative, Mr. White, has indicated his intention to make such a proposal.

Items 54 and 55:

These items do not call for any comment as they appear to be merely for notation of the Board.

Notes on the Agenda prepared by [redacted] are attached.

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Yours sincerely,

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