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Dear Bonny:

I received your letter of 4 November 1953 enclosing your trip report on your recent visit to the Forward Area and the Far East. Thank you very much for sending me a copy. As you suspected, I was very much interested.

I note the elimination of the upwind special weather reconnaissance flight and, although I agree with this elimination as a planned flight, I trust that we are not eliminating the capability of having such a flight in case special conditions indicate that such a flight might be useful.

I talked with Gordon Dunning of the Division of Biology and Medicine on the possibility of the use of constant altitude balloons for cloud tracking. He agreed with me that this capability might be interesting, particularly for Nevada tests. We discussed the possible use of such balloons for giving early and accurate warnings to certain sensitive industries in the United States. He doubted that the Division of Biology and Medicine would have available funds for such an experiment, but felt that an expression of interest by the Division of Biology and Medicine was quite possible.

Sincerely,

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Division Leader

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