

The modifications in the Castle shot schedule mentioned in your letter to me of 18 March 1953 were considered at the time the present schedule was being developed. You will recall that one of the earlier schedules proposed inter-leaving of the Los Alamos and Livermore shots somewhat similar to that of your first suggestion, however, I felt that the advantage of maintaining the Eninman camp and airstrip until the last of the Bikini shots outweighed the advantage of a somewhat shorter shot schedule.

Other sites for all of the land shots were considered. I eliminated all such sites on Eniwetok Atoll because of the desirability of having an uncontaminated Atoll left to us for subsequent operations. In view of your expressed desire to have the ability to make a test at Eniwetok prior to Redwing, I believe that some relatively uncontaminated sites on Eniwetok Atoll should be maintained.

For the above reasons, I do not propose to make any change in the present Castle schedule at this time.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by  
ALVIN C. GRAVES  
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