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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

During the period September 1951 to April 1954, I was assigned to Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 with duties concerning themselves with the Army's atomic energy activities. For about two of these years, Colonel J. C. Nickerson was assigned in the Research and Development Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 or in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. In both offices he worked on atomic energy matters and HONEST JOHN in particular.

Colonel Nickerson was very active in pushing the development of HONEST JOHN within the Army. At the same time, in conjunction with officers in G-3, he assisted materially in getting the Joint Chiefs of Staff to establish atomic warhead development requirements for Army weapons and production requirements for the warheads as their development proceeded.

During the period that I worked with Colonel Nickerson, he had access to all atomic and guided missile information except atomic stockpile numbers for which he had no need-to-know. He showed himself to be completely trustworthy, security conscious, and loyal at all times.

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