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Major General Waldo K. Laidlaw
Commanding General
White Sands Missile Range
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Dear Bill:

    I have long had an urge to visit White Sands and it
looks as though I can do so on 31 August 1959.

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    I am particularly interested in learning what I can
about the ███████████████████ project of the Signal
Missile Support Agency — and about the ███████████████
███████ program. With respect to the first, I shall be
most interested in the methods used for both the information
collection and for the establishment of the validity of the
information. While there, I should also appreciate a brief
summary of other SMSA projects which have relationship to
intelligence collection and any plans for future activity
in these areas. If a missile firing coincides with my
schedule, I also would be interested in witnessing it, as
I've never done so. Beyond this, I'm open to your suggestions.

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    Since time is short, I'd rather spend time in briefings
and viewings rather than in eating a heavy lunch that I don't
need anyhow. So I'm all for only a mid-day snack.

    I have been in touch with General Hooks at Holloman
where I plan to arrive late on 30 August. If the activities
at White Sands can be arranged, I can arrive from Holloman
as early in the morning of 31 August as necessary. My
departure time from Holloman for Vance Air Force Base is
tentatively scheduled for 1500, Mountain Standard Time,
31 August. I have asked General Hooks to coordinate the
specific scheduling of my visit to Holloman and White Sands
with you.

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    Two Agency officers will be with me. They are: ███████
████████████████████████████ Security clearances
are being forwarded through the regular channels. Messrs.
████████████████████ are thoroughly knowledgeable of the projects
mentioned and I would prefer that they go right along with me.

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Please let me know if the above arrangements are agreeable.

Sincerely,

/s/ Pearre

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General, USAF
Deputy Director

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