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27 January, 1945

My dear Nimitz:-

It is expected that a new weapon will be ready in August of this year for use against JAPAN by the 20th. Air Force.

The officer, Commander Frederic L. Ashworth, USN, bearing this letter will give you enough details so that you can make the necessary plans for the proper support of the operations. By the personal direction of the President, everything pertaining to this development is covered by the highest order of secrecy, and there should be no disclosure by you beyond one other officer, who must be suitably cautioned.

I desire that you make available to Commander Ashworth such intelligence data as applies to the utilization of the new weapon.

Sincerely yours,

S/ E. J. King

Fleet Admiral, U.S. Navy.

Fleet Admiral C.W. Nimitz, USN,
Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet,
and Pacific Ocean Areas.

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