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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

4 September 1951

Brigadier General Robert H. Terrill
Headquarters FEAF Bomber Command
APO 328, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Bob,

Your 17 August letter containing final test results and recommendations for operational use of the M-17 anti-ricochet device has been forwarded to the Air Staff. In view of your findings, I have recommended immediate production of these devices in quantities sufficient to stock each planned overseas operating base for medium wings, including requirements for replacements and proficiency training.

I appreciate the thoroughness with which these tests were conducted and the results are gratifying.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter from Air Force Headquarters to the Air Research and Development Command regarding adaption of the M-17 as an interim high-speed anti-ricochet device, which will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

CURTIS E. LEMAY
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commanding

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ARDC, 8 Aug 51

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RELEASE #3



F-8 STA, RT REAR RACK, REAR BAY



RACK MALFUNCTION - BOMB SAFE

RELEASE #2, CONT'D



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CHUTE FIRST SEEN - 12 FT BELOW ACFT



CHUTE FULL OPEN - 40 FT BELOW ACFT

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

17 May 1951

Brigadier General James E. Briggs
Headquarters FEAF Bomber Command
APO 328, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Buster,

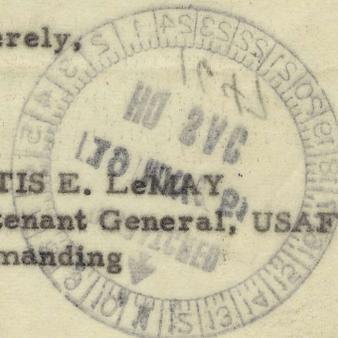
With reference to your letter of 29 April 1951, we have advised the Air Staff that B-29 air test drops using bombs fitted with Japanese-made anti-ricochet devices will be accomplished in the Far East in the near future.

I have indicated my intention to recommend immediate stockage of these devices at each planned overseas operating base for medium wings provided your tests are successful. Requirements for replacements and proficiency training will be established.

I would appreciate a full report of test results at your earliest convenience. We are investigating the status of the project to develop possible improved anti-ricochet devices and will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

CURTIS E. LENWAY
Lieutenant General, USAF
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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
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15 March 1951

Brigadier General James E. Briggs
Headquarters FEAF Bomber Command
APO 328, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Buster,

I received--and the staff has carefully considered-- your letters of 30 January and 20 February concerning proposed B-29 air test drops using bombs fitted with Japanese-made M-17 anti-ricochet devices.

We have been informed that Air Proving Ground tests cannot be scheduled in the near future. Your efforts to investigate this problem in the theater are therefore of primary interest. No data is available here covering the ability of the B-29 to make safe releases using this device, which means, as you point out, that some modification to existing equipment may be necessary. Once the release problem is resolved, however, I am hopeful that you will have located suitable North Korean targets against which to test the tactical feasibility of this method.

The Air Staff advises that new and improved anti-ricochet devices will be developed under high priority. My staff will continue to monitor this project closely and will keep you informed of developments. Meanwhile, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as significant test results are obtained.

Sincerely,

CURTIS E. LeMAY
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