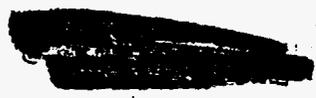


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Dear Mr. Strauss:

At the conclusion of Operation CASTLE, the danger area surrounding Eniwetok and Bikini Atolls was disestablished. At present, there exist only closed areas, which consist of the lagoons and land areas of Eniwetok and Bikini Atolls and the water areas within three miles outside the two atolls.

In preparing for Operation CASTLE a rectangular danger area was established by the Atomic Energy Commission. After the BRAVO event it was necessary to enlarge this area as shown in Inclosure 1.

For Operation REDWING, it is recommended that the danger area described in Inclosure 2 and shown graphically in Inclosure 3 be established. The proposed area is easier to describe and promulgate in writing than the post-BRAVO danger area and is therefore less subject to misinterpretation. Further, the area to the east and northeast has been extended so that it includes a greater area in the direction of the most probable fallout pattern of large shots. Lastly, by reducing the size of the area in the western sector most distant from Kwajalein, a more concentrated search effort in the area of probable fallout will be permitted.

It is recommended that the new danger area be established as early as practicable after the public announcement concerning Operation REDWING, and that the effective date of the danger area be 20 April 1956, ten days prior to the presently contemplated date for the first event. The limits of the danger area include air space as well as the surface area. Therefore, appropriate aircraft control agencies should be included as addressees when the announcement is promulgated.

It is requested that the Atomic Energy Commission initiate action to establish the new danger area, as outlined above.

Sincerely yours,

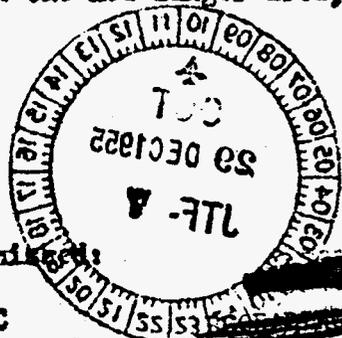
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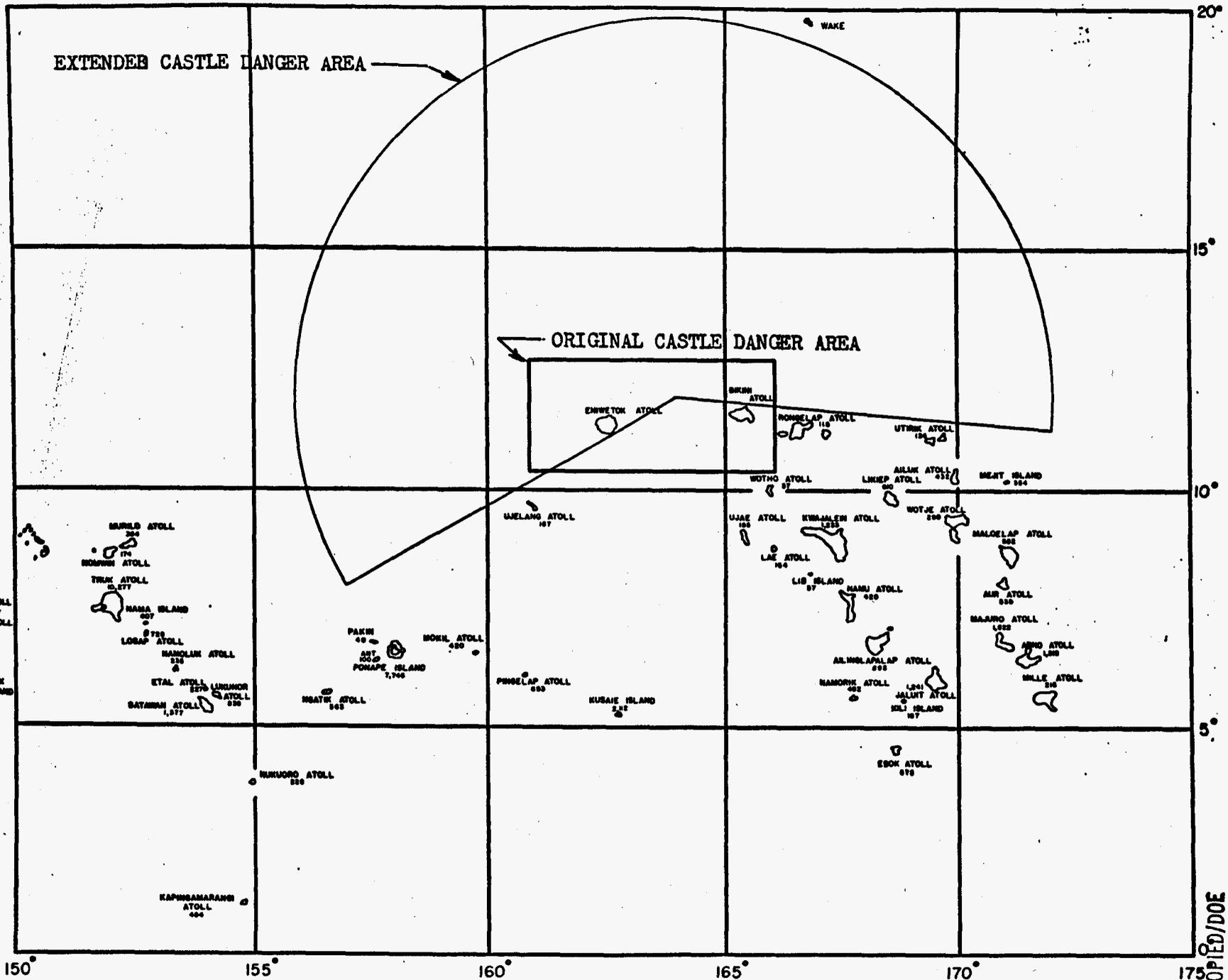
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DANGER AREA

NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN - Marshall Islands - Eniwetok and Bikini Atolls -

Danger Area - Information -

Effective 20 April 1956 the Danger Area enclosed by the following geographic coordinates is established as an area dangerous to all ships, aircraft and personnel entering within these limits:

18° 30' N 158° 00' E - 18° 30' N 172° 00' E - 11° 30' N 172° 00' E -
11° 30' N 166° 16' E - 10° 15' N 166° 16' E - 10° 15' N 158° 00' E
extending North to 18° 30' N 158° 00' E.

Grave hazards, as a consequence of tests of military weapons, will exist in this area.

Entry is restricted to all mariners except those duly authorized by proper authority.

All possible precautions will be taken to insure against the incidence of injuries to human life or to property within the Danger Area. If necessary, warning of any hazard outside the designated Danger Area will be given in the event that such dangers are created by activities conducted within the Danger Area.

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