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TO USAEC ALBUQUERQUE

FROM USAEC WASHINGTON

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISSEMINATE THROUGH YOUR OWN CHANNELS TO FAMILIES AT SFOO INSTALLATIONS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLN THE ONLY MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE EXPOSED TO RADIATION FROM FALLOUT OF THE MARCH 1 DETONATION WERE THE 28 MEMBERS OF A WEATHER GROUP LOCATED ON AN ATOLL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. NO OTHER PERSONNEL EITHER SCIENTIFIC OR CONTRACTOR OF THE TASK FORCE WERE INVOLVED.

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