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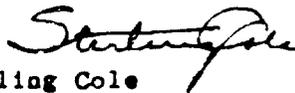
Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strauss:

I have been advised that the Atomic Energy Commission has furnished to the Department of State for transmittal to the United Nations a report on the March 1st incident in the Marshall Islands. It is my understanding that information on radiation levels, previously unpublished, was included in this report.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the Committee as to the reasons this release of information on radiation levels was necessary. We would also like to receive a copy of the material provided to the United Nations together with a statement as to why the Joint Committee was not officially informed of the release of this information at the time the report was supplied to the United Nations.

Sincerely yours,



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