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Dear Mr. President:

Allen Dulles sent word to you yesterday of the large test (1 to 5 megatons) just detonated by the Russians, and I will announce it after some confirmatory data on tomorrow or Friday.

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We have not yet said anything publicly concerning our next test series scheduled to begin in May at Eniwetok and Bikini. It seems to me that such an announcement might well be made within about a week after the news of the Soviet shot becomes known since in that atmosphere, adverse comment will be less likely from those who advocate that we cease testing altogether. I have discussed this with Foster Dulles who concurs. Will you let me know if it has your approval?

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Respectfully yours,

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The President
The White House

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