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President Eisenhower has authorized me to make the following statement in connection with his recent remarks to newsmen with regard to suggestions that the United States should halt its testing of hydrogen bombs:

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The President stated at that time that our research is not aimed just at making a thermonuclear weapon having greater destructive capability. He said that we are seeking ways to limit the weapon and to make it more useful for defensive purposes; that we want to make it more of a military weapon and less one of mass destruction. And, he also said that we want to reduce the amount of fallout.

Reports from the present series of nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Ground indicate progress with investigations of high yield devices which produce substantially less radioactive material than present weapons of comparable yield. Results to date indicate that new weapons with such a desirable lower potential radioactive fallout are possible. Additional tests are necessary for further scientific advancement in this direction.

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