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Dear General Loper:

The Atomic Energy Commission has recently approved criteria and procedures for radiological safety of the public during nuclear weapons tests at the Nevada Test Site. These criteria will be in effect during the present test series and will be reconsidered before the next Continental tests. With improved methods of predicting fallout and with the use of higher towers for detonating the nuclear devices, it is expected that fallout in populated areas from future tests at the Nevada Test Site will be less than the highest amounts which have occurred in the past.

There will be no formal press release but the utilization of these criteria will bring them to the attention of the public. They will be made available to the news correspondents upon request.

A copy of the criteria and procedures is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

Attachment:

A copy of the criteria and procedures

cc: Chairman
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Secretariat

Honorable Herbert B. Loper
Chairman, Military Liaison Committee
to the Atomic Energy Commission

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