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STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PACIFIC EXPERIMENTAL INSTALLATIONS

The United States Atomic Energy Commission today announced that construction has been started on Eniwetok Atoll for the Pacific Ocean installations announced last summer by the Commission.

In its Second Semi-Annual Report to Congress, transmitted July 22, 1947, the Commission stated that it was "establishing proving grounds in the Pacific for routine experiments and tests of atomic weapons."

Construction is being carried out by the Armed Forces at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission. Lieutenant General J. E. Hull, Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific, is coordinating the work of the Army, Navy and Air Force in this program.

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