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STATEMENT BY LEWIS L. STRAUSS,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission today made the following statement, in response to published speculation and inquiries by news correspondents:

The forthcoming series of nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Grounds, as announced today by the Commission and the Department of Defense, will involve weapons generally smaller in yield than those tested during the 1954 test series.

It is anticipated that the energy release of the largest test will be substantially below that of the maximum 1954 test.

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