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STATEMENT BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
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In the absence of effective international agreement safeguarded by adequate inspection to limit or control armaments, the United States Government continually endeavors to maintain the most modern efficient military strength for purposes of peace. Pursuant to this course, preparations are under way for a series of nuclear tests to begin in the spring at the Eniwetok Proving Grounds. One of the important purposes of this series will be the further development of methods of defense against nuclear attack.

Air and sea traffic will be notified through normal channels of the details of the control area well in advance of the commencement of operations.

Operations will be conducted by Joint Task Force 7, commanded by Rear Admiral B. Hall Hanlon, USN. Dr. Alvin C. Graves, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, is Deputy Commander for Scientific Matters.

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