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PRIORITY

March 30, 1954

FOR RECHARD G. ELLIOTT (R) INFO DIV FROM ROONEY SOUTHWICK

FOLLOWING STATEMENT GIVEN WEDNESDAY (CMA) MARCH 29 AT 6:30 AM EASTERN
STANDARD TIME (CIN)

LEWIS L STRAUSS (CMA) CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (CMA)
WHO RETURNED FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TRIP THIS MORNING IN THE MARSHALL
ISLANDS (CMA) STATED THAT THE MOST RECENT THERMONUCLEAR SERIES
WAS SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT ON WEDNESDAY (CMA) MARCH 26TH.

IN PREPARATION OF THE TEST (CMA) THE LAND AND AIR FORCE UNITS
ATTACHED TO THE TASK FORCE CAREFULLY SEARCHED THE AREA BOTH VISUALLY
AND BY RADAR. NO FIREBALLS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA. INFORMATION
HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE IS BEING OBTAINED FROM THIS SERIES.
END END REF AEC-1171