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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 11, 1958

Dear Admiral Strauss:

I understand that four American citizens have sailed from California for the Marshall Islands in a small vessel known as the "Golden Rule", with a view to interrupting our forthcoming atomic tests at Eniwetok.

Groups in other countries are following the progress of the "Golden Rule" and if they conclude that the United States would not take timely steps against the "Golden Rule", it is likely they, too, would set forth to join with the Americans headed for the test area. Such action by vessels of other nations would give rise to serious international problems.

On the other hand, I understand that there is little likelihood that vessels from other nations would be deliberately sailed into the test area if the United States were to make clear promptly that it did not intend to permit interference with the tests by its citizens.

In the interests of the United States, I, therefore, believe that the public should be promptly informed that the Commission will utilize the authority at its disposal to prevent our citizens from interfering with the conduct of the forthcoming tests.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

John Foster Dulles

The Honorable
Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

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