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**MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**Subject: Statement by Senator Pastore Regarding First Shot in the Current Test Series**

Senator Pastore informed Charles Perry that he was about to make a statement to the press regarding his attendance at the first shot in the current test series in the Pacific. He asked if he could elaborate on the public statement made by the AEC and DOD regarding the "open" shot (i.e. the shot we have publicly stated as expected to be "in the megaton range"). He had apparently received from the Joint Committee staff a copy of the unclassified letter from the Acting Chairman to Senator Anderson of April 17, 1956, which stated that the Commission had determined that certain information could be published without constituting an undue risk to the common defense and security. Two of these items of information were that the yield of the first shot is expected to be "several megatons" and that the shot is expected to be "an air burst."

After checking with Messrs. Salisbury and Thompson and Lt. Col. Rice of DHA, Mr. Perry, with my approval, informed Senator Pastore that although the Commission had not yet published the information cited above, the information had been declassified and could therefore be used by Senator Pastore in a public statement.

Mr. Brobeck of the Joint Committee staff, apparently on behalf of other Joint Committee Members who wished to make similar statements, asked for essentially the same information as Senator Pastore. He was given the same answer.

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