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Mr. James T. Ramey
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Ramey:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Joint Committee of the radiological situation that developed at Eniwetok Atoll after the firing of TEWA. This was the next to the last shot of the series (fired at 0546 on July 21st, Eniwetok Time) with a yield of 5 megatons.

As a result of the TEWA shot, very light fallout occurred on some of the islands of Eniwetok Atoll, including Parry and Eniwetok Islands, and on some of the Task Force ships in the immediate vicinity. Apparently, the extreme southern edge of the radioactive cloud passed over Eniwetok Atoll.

Due to the effects of rainfall, readings were spotty in inhabited areas. Possible radiation exposure of individuals from this fallout may in a few cases amount to about 6 roentgens, with most of the affected personnel receiving appreciably less. The fallout had no health significance for personnel. No evacuation was necessary and no special protective measures were taken.

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Sincerely yours,

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