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STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE CHAIRMAN, AEC

As part of Operation HARDTACK, certain short-range defensive missiles with nuclear warheads will be fired from Johnston Island. This island is located some 540 statute miles southwest of the nearest inhabited island of the Hawaiian chain and some 900 statute miles from the nearest other inhabited island. These firings are part of the schedule for the HARDTACK series of nuclear tests in the Pacific.

At an appropriate time a temporary danger area will be established for as limited a period as is possible.

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