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ATTACHMENT B  
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47 NATIONS INVITED TO SEND MILITARY, CIVIL  
DEFENSE AND NEWS MEDIA OBSERVERS TO SHOTS OF THE  
1957 NEVADA TEST SERIES



1. Observers from the military services and/or the civil defense organizations of 47 nations have been invited by the appropriate United States Government agencies to witness specified nuclear detonations in the PLUMBBOB test series scheduled to begin May 15 at the Nevada Test Site of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. All tests in this series, which is of importance to the defense of the Free World, will be of low-yield fission devices.

2. The civil defense representation will come, at the invitation of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations and Sweden. The Federal Civil Defense Administration maintains cooperative relationships in civil defense development and information exchange with these countries.

3. The military observers will be designated by the nations invited by the Department of Defense, which include members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, the Inter-American Defense Board, the Permanent Joint Board of Defense (Canada-U.S.) and the Baghdad Pact.

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4. All of the 47 nations invited to send either military or civil defense observers have also been invited by the Department of State to designate news media reporters to report at least one of the 9 shots of the series open to reporting by United States media. (This list of shots is attached)\*

5. Besides sending military observers, Canada will provide field military units which will take part in the military phases of the test series.

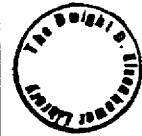
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6. The purpose of inviting observers and news media reporters from these 47 nations is to familiarize them with U.S. nuclear weapons testing policies and operations, especially safety procedures.

7. The nations which have been invited to send military, or civil defense, and news media observers are as follows:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Argentina                   | Greece          | Panama            |
| Australia                   | Guatemala       | Paraguay          |
| Belgium                     | Haiti           | Peru              |
| Bolivia                     | Honduras        | Philippines       |
| Brazil                      | Iceland         | Portugal          |
| Canada                      | Iran            | Republic of China |
| Chile                       | Iraq            | Republic of Korea |
| Colombia                    | Italy           | Spain             |
| Costa Rica                  | Japan           | Sweden            |
| Cuba                        | Luxembourg      | Thailand          |
| Denmark                     | Mexico          | Turkey            |
| Dominican Republic          | The Netherlands | United Kingdom    |
| Ecuador                     | New Zealand     | Uruguay           |
| El Salvador                 | Nicaragua       | Venezuela         |
| Federal Republic of Germany | Norway          | Viet Nam          |
| France                      | Pakistan        |                   |

\*List of shots as released by AEC April 30, 1957:

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE YIELD</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>
1.	May 15	Below nominal	Tower
2.	June 25	Below nominal	Tower
3.	June 27	Above nominal	Balloon
4.	July 9	Below nominal	Tower
5.	July 15	Below nominal	Tower
6.	July 25	Above nominal	Balloon
7.	August 8	Below nominal	Tower
8.	August 19	Above nominal	Tower
9.	September 1	Below nominal	Tower