

UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

12 September 1957

Dear Mr. President:

When you gave your approval to the weapons test series scheduled for the spring of 1958 at the Eniwetok Proving Ground, you stipulated that the number of shots should be restricted to those which I could certify to you as being absolutely necessary and that the announcement of the series should be made at a time and in a fashion which you would approve.

In order to avoid having word of the preparations leak as a result of the movement of men and material into the Pacific, it is desirable not to delay the announcement any longer. Accordingly, I have discussed the subject with State, Defense, U.S. Information Agency, CIA, and it is unanimously recommended that the statement, generally along the lines of the attached, be issued as soon as possible by the Atomic Energy Commission and Defense. The Secretary of State concurs. May I have your concurrence?

Respectfully,

Lewis Strauss

The President
The White House



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