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NEW SERIES OF TESTS OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IS PLANNED

The Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission have advised the President that a new series of tests of atomic weapons is planned at the Commission's Proving Ground at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

Full security restrictions as required by the Atomic Energy Act apply to all aspects of test preparations, including the time of the tests.

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As in past atomic weapons test projects, the field operations will be carried out by a Joint Task Force, composed of personnel of Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Atomic Energy Commission. Lieut. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, USAF, will command Joint Task Force-3, which has been formed to carry out the new test program. General Quesada will have as deputies, Brig. Gen. Herbert Loper, Army, Rear Admiral Tom B. Hill, Navy, and Dr. Alvin C. Graves of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. Chief of Staff is Brig. Gen. John K. Gerhart, USAF.

The Commission recently announced a contract with Holmes and Narver, Los Angeles engineering and construction firm, for maintenance and improvement of facilities at the Eniwetok Proving Ground. Military and Naval units participating in the current work at the Proving Ground will be a part of Joint Task Force-3.

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