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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT**

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(on assumption statement will be made at opening of a news conference)

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In remarks to newsmen recently in connection with suggestions that the United States should halt its testing of hydrogen bombs, I stated that our research is not aimed just at making a thermonuclear weapon go off with a bigger bang and cause more destruction. Rather, I said we are seeking ways to limit the weapon, to make it useful for defensive purposes; that we want to make it more of a military weapon and less one of mass destruction. And I also said we want to reduce the amount of fallout.

Reports from the present series of nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Ground indicate progress with investigations of high yield devices which produce substantially less radioactive material than present weapons of comparable yield. Results to date indicate that new weapons with such a desirable lower potential radioactive fallout are possible. Additional tests are necessary for further scientific advancement in this direction.

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