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From James Forrestal Secretary of Defense

The following message has been received today from The President of The United States.

"The Atomic Energy Commission has reported to me on results of the tests of atomic weapons at the Commission's Eniwetok Proving Ground. The Chairman and members of the Commission join me in congratulations to you on the work of Joint Task Force 7 which carried out the tests for the mission. The successful completion of this mission is an outstanding example of an integrated operation by the agencies responsible for the military defense of the Nation and those responsible for the scientific and technical development of the means and defense. Please convey to the Commander of Joint Task Force 7 and to all of the members of the National Military Establishment who contributed to the success of the undertaking my commendation for a job well done. I know you share my feelings of gratification for the accomplishments of the Commission's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory as indicated by the results of the test program. I have asked the Commission to convey my commendation to all of the civilian personnel involved both in the development work leading up to these tests and in the actual conduct of the proof test program."

My congratulations to all who contributed to the successful execution of this difficult operation.

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