

UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
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NEWS MEDIA INVITED TO ATTEND
NINE NUCLEAR TESTS IN NEVADA

Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, today announced for the Commission, the Department of Defense and the Federal Civil Defense Administration that public news media and a limited number of representatives of civilian defense organizations will observe nine of the shots during the 1957 tests beginning on May 15 at the Nevada Test Site.

The tests, in addition to contributing to the development of weapons for the military defense of the United States and the Free World, are designed to provide important data contributing to a sound and effective system of civil defense. All will be low-yield detonations of fission devices.

About sixty persons from civil defense organizations will be invited by the Federal Civil Defense Administration to witness each of the nine tests to which uncleared observers will be admitted.

Only representatives of recognized United States news media certified by principal officers of their employing organizations will be admitted to the nine shots.

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* [Up to 15 news media representatives from friendly foreign nations will be certified by the Department of State for admission to the nine shots.]

The tentative schedule of shots for onsite observation by civil defense and news media representatives follows. The schedule notes whether the yield of each is planned to be greater or smaller than "nominal" -- 20 kilotons:

	<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

Delays in shot schedules may occur for unpredictable lengths of time. In the past shots have been postponed due to weather conditions for as long as several weeks.

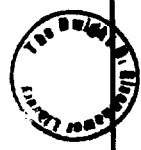
Applications by representatives of recognized U.S. news media should be addressed to the Director, Office of Test Information, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, until May 1, 1957. After that date such requests should be sent to the Office of Test Information, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Las Vegas Field Office, 1237 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Each representative of recognized U.S. news media applying for admission must:

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a. Attach to his request for admission a statement signed by a principal official of the news organization employing him certifying that he is accredited as the representative of his organization to report the test, and that he is a United States citizen;

b. Prior to admission to the Nevada Test Site, sign an agreement to abide by the safety and security regulations of the Nevada Test Organization;

c. Submit any camera equipment for inspection for compliance with limitations imposed on lens size and shutter speed. (Photography may be limited to the detonations and subjects at the observation point.);

News media observers will be expected to provide their own transportation to Mercury Gate entrance to the Nevada Test Site, 65 miles from Las Vegas. Transportation will be furnished by the Commission to the test area from the Mercury Gate.

It is recommended that reservations in Las Vegas hotels and motels be made as far in advance as possible.

The only communications available at the observation point for immediate reporting from the Test Site are four telephone lines.