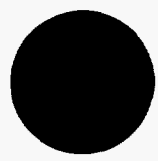


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OCTOBER 31, 1952

Hobbing of Time phoned the AEC Public Information Service (Shelby Thompson) at 4:15 p.m. (EST), Friday, October 31, 1952. The following conversation took place.

Hobbing: Is this the big day?

Thompson: Why don't you tell me? What are you talking about?

Hobbing: We understand the H-bomb has just been set off.

Thompson: We have a standard policy of no comment about weapons tests. We haven't anything to say in that field.

Hobbing: Aren't you getting out a release, don't you usually issue releases after you have made a shot?

Thompson: We have at times issued releases or statements after a shot at Nevada. We have never followed such procedure on tests at Eniwetok.

Hobbing: Don't you have any releases coming out there this afternoon?

Thompson: I don't know offhand. I'll have to check.

Hobbing: I mean about the H-bomb.

Thompson: No.

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