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PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON OPERATION GREENHOUSE

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Attached for your approval and for forwarding to the National Security Council is a draft press release on Operation GREENHOUSE, proposed by the Commander JTF-3.

This draft press release is part of an overall public relations plan submitted by the Commander JTF-3 and is currently being reviewed by MLC and AEC staff prior to submission to the Commission.

It is now proposed that the attached press release be approved and issued immediately, without waiting for review and formal approval of the total GREENHOUSE public information plan. This immediate action on the press release has the concurrence of the MLC, the Director of Military Application, the Director of Security, and the Director of Information Services, because of JTF-3 operational requirements and other activity within the Department of Defense having a bearing on this problem.

It is requested that you approve this press release for issuance after concurrence of the NSC Special Committee on Atomic Energy has been obtained.

Attachment:
Draft press release

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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

The United States Atomic Energy Commission announced today in response to inquiries from the American Institute of Architects that test programs at the Commission's Eniwetok Proving Ground in the Pacific include extensive provisions for measurement of atomic weapons effects on structures and materials of various kinds.

The Commission has advised the AIA that a major project is being carried out to supplement data already obtained from other atomic blasts, with instrumentation specifically arranged to provide data for the development of design criteria needed by architects. This information will be made available to the Civil Defense Administration.

The current test program at Eniwetok is being carried out by Joint Task Force THREE, commanded by Lt. General Elwood H. Quigg, USAF, and is made up of personnel of the Armed Services, AEC, other civil agencies of the government, and AEC contractors. In order to assure the safety of vessels and aircraft operating in the central Pacific, only units of the Task Force are permitted within the danger area around Eniwetok Atoll.

Full security restrictions as required by the Atomic Energy Act apply to all phases of the test program. No further information as to the composition, movement or operations of the Task Force is authorized for public release at this time.
