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Mr. E. R. Purves, Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Purves:

This is in response to your recent inquiry as to the provisions made in the test program at the Atomic Energy Commission's Eniwetok Proving Ground.

Extensive provision has been made for the measurement of weapons effects on structures and materials of various kinds. A major project is being carried out to supplement data already obtained from other atomic blasts. The instrumentation has been arranged specifically to provide data for the development of adequate design criteria of interest to architects.

I am sorry that I cannot give you more information at this time, but want to assure you that this problem has been given careful attention in planning the test program, and that every effort will be made to make the information available to the Civil Defense Administration as rapidly as possible after its analysis.

Because of the wide interest in this work, the Commission is issuing the attached press release relative to the tests.

Sincerely yours,

M. W. Boyer
General Manager

Enclosure:
Subject press release

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CC: Millard Caldwell, Administrator
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