

*Secretariat*

~~SECRET~~

USAEC

409147

May 23, 1951

REPOSITORY NARA-College Park  
COLLECTION RG 326 46-51 Secretary  
BOX No. 102 (NN3-326-93-007)  
FOLDER 471.6 (10-20-48)  
Greenhouse Vol. # 3

THIS DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF 2 PAGES  
NO. 6 OF 7 SERIES 1

~~CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED  
OR CHANGED TO  
BY AUTHORITY OF D/O C  
BY [Signature] DATE 3/19/83~~

COMMANDER JTF-3  
FORWARD AREA, ENIWETOK

PLEASE FORWARD TO COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE THREE, FORWARD AREA ENIWETOK, FROM  
E. R. TRAPNELL, DIVISION OF INFORMATION SERVICES, US ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**BEST COPY AVAILABLE**

REUR 0994. YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS A, B, AND C ON PRESS CONFERENCE ARE IN ACCORD WITH OUR VIEWS ALTHOUGH NOT YET FORMALLY APPROVED BY COMMISSION. REUR SECOND SUBJECT, SOUTHWICK CLEARANCE AUTHORIZED LOS ALAMOS. REUR THIRD SUBJECT, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON MAY TWENTY-ONE AND SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE PROPOSED FOR RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION AT TWELVE NOON WASHINGTON TIME FRIDAY TWENTY-FIVE MAY. QUOTE. THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TODAY NOTIFIED PRESIDENT TRUMAN THAT A PROGRAM OF ATOMIC WEAPONS TESTS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT BY JOINT TASK FORCE THREE AT THE COMMISSION'S PROVING GROUND AT ENIWETOK ATOLL. PARAGRAPH. LIEUTENANT GENERAL ELWOOD R. QUESADA, USAF, ~~HEADS~~ COMMANDS JTF-3, COMPOSED OF PERSONNEL FROM THE AEC, ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND PROMEDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS. DR. ALVIN C. GRAVES OF THE LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY IS SCIENTIFIC DEPUTY COMMANDER OF JTF-3. PARAGRAPH. AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, TEST ACTIVITIES AT ENIWETOK ARE UNDER SECURITY RESTRICTIONS INCLUDING THOSE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT. INFORMATION OBTAINED

5  
1  
0  
0  
5  
1

CLASSIFICATION CANCELED

DOE NSI DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW E.O. 12958  
BY: EVERETTE E. WASHINGTON DOE/NN-523

~~SECRET~~

/cont'd.  
4327/11228/28/3

**SECRET**

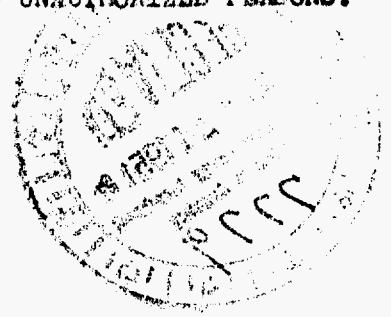
[REDACTED]

May 23, 1951

COMMANDER JTF-3  
FORWARD AREA, ENIWETOK

page -2-

FROM RESEARCH ON NUCLEAR DETONATIONS, THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE TESTS, IS SECRET. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE OF JANUARY 31, 1950, THE TEST PROGRAM INCLUDES EXPERIMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONRY RESEARCH. PARAGRAPH. INFORMATION ON SEVERAL PROJECTS IN FIELDS OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND RADIOLOGY WILL BE DECLASSIFIED AND PROVIDED TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT WHEN RESULTS HAVE BEEN ANALYZED AND EVALUATED. THE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE MEASUREMENT OF BLAST AND THERMAL EFFECTS ON STRUCTURES, AIRCRAFT AND VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS. MUCH OF THIS DATA WILL BE DECLASSIFIED FOR USE BY BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY. THE DATA OBTAINED INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF PRIMARY MILITARY VALUE IN THE FIELD OF WEAPONS EFFECTS. PARAGRAPH. GENERAL QUESADA AND DR. GRAVEN WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON IN A FEW WEEKS TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND AEC. THE COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE ENIX ENIWETOK PROVING GROUND AND THE AREA WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. UNQUOTE. END MESSAGE.



[REDACTED]  
**SECRET**