

December 15, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Subject: Continuation of the Danger Area surrounding Eniwetok Atoll.

Reference is made to a memorandum dated December 23, 1947 to the Chief of Naval Operations from the General Manager, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, in which it was stated that, as a consequence of the tests of military weapons, grave hazards exist in an area surrounding Eniwetok Atoll, after January 31, 1948 and throughout the calendar year 1948.

Since these hazards will continue to exist after the end of the calendar year 1948 the Atomic Energy Commission is requesting the State Department to notify all foreign governments of the continuance of the danger area, is making a public release to the effect that the danger area continues to exist, and is requesting the Air Coordinating Committee to notify all military and commercial air agencies.

It is requested that the Chief of Naval Operations take action to warn all naval and merchant shipping through appropriate notices to mariners that the danger zone described below will continue to exist until further notice.

The area affected is described as follows:

Beginning with a point at 10° - 15' North latitude and 160° - 35' East longitude, north along the meridian of 160° - 35' East longitude to a point at 12° - 45' North latitude, 160° - 35' East longitude thence East along the parallel of 12° - 45' North latitude to a point at 12° - 45' North latitude and 163° - 55' East longitude, thence south along the meridian of 163° - 55' East longitude to a point at 10° - 15' North latitude and 163° - 55' East longitude thence west to the point of beginning.

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