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DECLASSIFICATION OF UNANNOUNCED ATMOSPHERIC TESTS CONDUCTED AT  
ENIWETOK ATOLL (SECY-2612)

SECY:PB

At Policy Session 54, August 1, 1972:

1. The Commission approved, subject to Department of Defense concurrence, declassification of eight previously unannounced nuclear tests conducted at Eniwetok Atoll Central Pacific Test Site during 1956 and 1958.
2. The Commission noted:
  - a. following DOD concurrence, staff will inform the JCAE of the declassification and the Chairman will call the White House; and
  - b. only the existence of the eight tests will be declassified and there will be no press release.
3. The Commission requested a briefing by the Division of Military Application on all aspects of return of the atoll to its native inhabitants.

It is our understanding you are taking the appropriate action.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
W. B. McCool  
Secretary of the Commission

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