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STATEMENT BY THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

As previously reported, the United States detected through seismic signals a Soviet underground nuclear test in the Semipalatinsk area on January 15 with a yield in the intermediate range. The United States detection system has now detected a certain amount of venting connected with the test. The amounts of radioactivity measured to date will not produce measureable exposures to persons. In view of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water, the Department of State has asked the Government of the Soviet Union for information on this event.

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