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JAETC STATEMENT, 1430 HOURS, 1 SEPTEMBER 1961

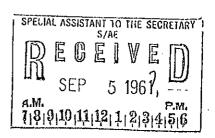
STATUTE GOLD

"An explosion has been detected as having occurred in the atmosphere at 0700 hours / - 10 minutes Zebra, 1 September 1961.

The best location is in the vicinity of Semipalatinsk (50° N, 78° E).

Signals have been reported by 3 accoustic stations. No selemic, no electromagnetic signals have yet been reported. The preliminary estimate of the yield is 50 to 500 KT with a best estimate of 150 KT. Nuclear confirmation cannot be expected prior to h September 1961."

HERBERT SCOVILLE, Jr. Chairman



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