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Notification of nuclear tests

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 41/59 N and 42/38 C, communications dated 29 March 1988 and 5 April 1988 have been received from New Zealand and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which are reproduced in the annex to the present note.

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NEW ZEALAND

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[29 March 1988]

In accordance with the request contained in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 42/38 C, I have the honour to attach, in an appendix to this letter, details of nuclear explosions carried out by France at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific in the course of 1987. Estimates of the yield of each explosion are based on hydroacoustic signals recorded by the New Zealand Seismic Observatory in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

APPENDIX

Data on nuclear explosions at Mururoa Atoll, 1987

Geographic co-ordinates: 21°50'S Latitude
138°55'W Longitude

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u> (New Zealand standard time)	<u>Yield estimate</u> (Kilotonnes)
6 May	0458 hours	5
21 May	0505	30
7 June	0600	3
22 June	0555	15
24 October	0450	50
6 November	0530	20
20 November	0431	60
30 November	0559	3

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

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[5 April 1988]

On 3 April, at 5.35 a.m. Moscow time, an underground nuclear explosion with a yield of from 20 to 150 kilotons was conducted in the Soviet Union at a test site in the region of Semipalatinsk.

The above-mentioned test was conducted with a view to improving military technology.
