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STATEMENT ON AEC ANNOUNCEMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. June 17 -- "The Atomic Energy Commission's announcement that a site near Lyons has been tentatively selected as a repository for radioactive wastes came as no surprise. The AEC has been studying that site for several years.

"I have requested that a thorough study be made of the environmental implications of this decision.

"Initial studies indicate there will be no adverse affects from such a repository and the AEC has assured me that additional studies will be made before a site is definitely chosen."