



Fig. 1. Air view of Bikini atoll, in the Marshall Islands. The U. S. Geological Survey made deep test drillings in this coral atoll island soon after the Second World War. Note the white beach of coral sand around the island, and the clumps of trees near the left end and center. (Courtesy of U. S. Naval Photographic Center, Naval District, Washington, D. C.: Photograph no. 80-6-373118, Feb. 28, 1944, altitude 1,000 ft.)