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4. There was a dust cloud that rose to a height of about 750 meters. It was a mushroom-cloud effect; the explosion was at the center of the cloud, and the stem of the mushroom went from the cloud to the ground. After about 30 minutes, the spectators were informed that a decontamination team was entering the target area and would decontaminate it by removing the radio active top soil and dust. We were not permitted to see the team in action or inspect the target area.
5. We remained in the area for another three hours, were taken back to the airport and flown to [redacted]. We were not given any technical details of the explosion or any of the weapons used. We all speculated that the bomb weighed about 150 kilograms, based primarily on our military training that A-bomb weights vary from 5-250 kilograms. I have no idea as to the force of the explosion but estimate that it is equivalent to 250 tons of TNT. It was a relatively small bomb but I do not doubt that it was an atomic device.

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