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ALLOCATION OF COMMISSION OBSERVER SPACE
FOR OPERATION SANDSTONE

Note by the Secretary

At its meeting on January 27, 1948, the Commission noted the proposed allocation in AEC 9/3 as an estimate of the probable assignment of AEC observer spaces, and authorized dispatch by the General Manager of the letters in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B"

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ALLOCATION OF COMMISSION OBSERVER
SPACE FOR OPERATION SANDSTONE

Note by the Secretary

The attached report by the Director of Military Application is submitted by the General Manager for the consideration of the Commission during the week of January 26, 1948.

ROY B. SNAPP

Secretary

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ALLOCATION OF COMMISSION OBSERVER
SPACE FOR OPERATION SANDSTONE

Report by the Director of Military Application

THE PROBLEM

1. To allocate 30 spaces for Atomic Energy Commission visitors to witness the conduct of experiments in Operation SANDSTONE.

BACKGROUND

2. By agreement between Lt. General John E. Hull, USA, Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN and Captain James S. Russell, USN, AEC Test Director, provisions have been made to accommodate 62 observers during the conduct of experiments in Operation SANDSTONE with a general allocation as follows:

- 30 Atomic Energy Commission
- 15 Secretary of Defense (sub-allocation not yet known)
- 17 At the invitation of General Hull
 - (Includes 4 JCS, 2 MLC, 2 AFSWP, 2 C.G. U.S. Army Pacific, 2 C.G. Seventh Air Force, 2 CINC PAC, 3 C.G. Far East Command)

DISCUSSION

3. For the selection of Atomic Energy observers, it is suggested that attendance be limited to those who are familiar with the technical issues involved in the experiments and whose duties include the need for knowledge of, and the need to act on, the results obtained. Similar criteria have been suggested for observers from the National military establishment.

4. To accommodate thirty AEC observers, ten spaces are being reserved on the U.S.S. ABLEMARLE (AV-5), ten on the U.S.S. CURTIS (AV-4), and ten ashore at Eniwetok. These spaces will be available continuously throughout the operation, hence accommodations exist for a maximum of thirty Atomic Energy Commission observers at any one time.

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mate is based on informal discussions held with the Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee by the Commission, the General Manager, and the Director of the Division of Military Application. This is a guess as to the members who are likely to be present at any shot.)

General Advisory Committee	2
Commissioners	2
General Manager	1
Division of Research	1
Division of Engineering	1
Division of Biology and Medicine	1
Division of Production	1
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c. Approve the allocation of three spaces to be under the control of the Test Director (Captain James S. Russell, USN) and to include observers from the Division of Military Application.

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d. Note that the General Manager will dispatch letters such as those in Appendices "A" and "B" to the GAC and the Director of Santa Fe Operations respectively.

LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX "A"

Draft letter to Dr. John Manley, Secretary to the General Advisory Committee.

APPENDIX "B"

Draft memorandum to Carroll L. Tyler, Manager Santa Fe Directed Operations.

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APPENDIX "A"

DRAFT LETTER TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER.

1. The Atomic Energy Commission invites the members of the General Advisory Committee to observe the conduct of experiments during Operation SANDSTONE.

2. Accomodations for two persons have been set aside for the use of members of the General Advisory Committee and will be reserved for that purpose continuously during the time experiments are in progress.

3. It is requested that the Committee advise the Commission of those who wish to attend and the times during which they will be present.

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APPENDIX "B"

DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO MANAGER OF SANTA FE
DIRECTED OPERATIONS FROM TEST DIRECTOR.

1. Of thirty accommodations available for observers to witness the conduct of experiments during Operation SANDSTONE, the Commission has authorized the allocation of fifteen spaces to Santa Fe Directed Operations including the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. These fifteen spaces will be reserved continuously during the time experiments are in progress; hence, if it is desired to alternate observers a greater number than fifteen may witness a part of the experiments.

2. It has been recommended to the Commission and to Commander Joint Task Force Seven that observers be selected from those individuals whose duties include the need for the knowledge of, and the need to act on, the information obtained at the Proving Ground.