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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

DECISION ON AEC 787/24
JOINT AEC-DOD INFORMATION PLAN FOR OPERATION REDWING

Note by the Secretary

At Meeting 1188 on March 28, 1956, the Commission:

a. Approved the AEC-DOD Joint Information Plan for Operation REDWING (attached as Appendix "B" to AEC 787/24);

b. Authorized the establishment of a Joint Test Information Office as provided for in the Information plan;

c. Noted that the Joint Test Information Office will prepare, as deemed necessary by the Commission and the Department of Defense, announcements that a shot has taken place on a certain date, at any time subsequent to the detonation;

d. Noted that when announcements of detonations are issued, the yield will be stated in terms of "kiloton range" or "megaton range";

e. Noted that if all detonations were to be announced, the revelation of the total number will require declassification from Confidential, Defense Information;

f. Noted that the Plan provides for subsequent addition of special information projects which may include an uncleared observer program;

g. Noted that the plan includes provision for reporting fall-out, including readings in the U.S. if necessary;

h. Noted that in view of possible international repercussions of such nature as to affect the national interest, a flexible procedure is established to take additional informational actions as deemed necessary;

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i. Noted that official background material and reporting of spot news is to be prepared to respond to the extent possible to the expected requests from U.S. media and as a means for having material available, if necessary, to combat unfavorable reaction abroad;

j. Noted that the Joint Information Plan for Operation REDWING is before the Department of Defense for approval; and

k. Noted that a letter notifying the JCAE of the Information Plan will be transmitted after coordination of the plan with other Executive Agencies. The Commission, also:

Determined that the approximate date of the first shot of Operation REDWING may be published without constituting an undue risk to the common defense and security.

W. B. McCOOL

Secretary

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