

1190th AEC Meeting 4-4-56 S 2. AEC 787/26 - Special Observer Program for Operation REDWING (pp. 2-8)

General Starbird reviewed with the Commissioners proposed arrangements for the attendance of news media observers at a large shot during Operation REDWING. Mr. Strauss asked why AEC should pay the cost of installing and removing communications equipment from the ship which would carry newsmen to Operation REDWING. Mr. Salisbury pointed out that this division of costs had been established at the time of Operation CROSSROADS.

After further discussion, the Commission:

a. Approved the general plan for a News Media/FCDA Observer Program for Operation REDWING, as outlined in Appendix "A" to AEC 787/26;

b. Determined that the information listed in paragraph 8 of AEC 787/26 may be published without constituting an undue risk to the common defense and security;

c. Authorized the establishment of a Joint Office of Test Information for the News Media/FCDA Observer Program, to be under the direction of the Commander, JTF-7 in the forward area;

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d. Noted that the DOD has concurred in the feasibility of a special observer program, and that DOD comments with respect to b above as well as to assistance in finalizing the details of the program will be requested by letter such as Appendix "B" to AEC 787/26, as revised;

e. Noted that the JCAE has been advised of plans to have a special observer program; and

f. Noted that a security plan will be prepared jointly by AEC, DOD and JTF-7.

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