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Sequence of Events

18 Aug '50 AEC 153/11 circulated for Commission consideration a report by the Director of Military Application regarding the problem of considering certain policies for the selection and handling of observers for Operation GREENHOUSE, as suggested by the Commanding General, Joint Task Force Three. The report recommended that the Commission:

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c. Note that the Director of Military Application will, after the test site and test dates have been confirmed, prepare invitations to the GAC and the JOAE for GREENHOUSE attendance;

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23 Aug At Meeting 45th the Commission considered AEC 153/11 and approved, as revised, the recommendations of AEC 153/11.

15 Jan '51 Circulated for Commission consideration a report by the Director of Military Application indicating advisability of obtaining Presidential approval for the dates of the tests and for the expenditure of fissionable materials involved. The report recommended that the Atomic Energy Commission:

Approve forwarding the attached memorandum (AEC 153/16) to the Special Committee to the National Security Council for Atomic Energy.

16 Jan At Meeting 51st the Commission approved the recommendation on page 1 of AEC 153/16.

19 Jan Memorandum dispatched to the Special Committee to the National Security Council for Atomic Energy requesting that the Council recommend to the President approval of Operation GREENHOUSE.

1 Feb The Acting Executive Secretary, NSC, advised that the Special Committee approved, as of January 31, 1951, the proposed memorandum to the President, and that on February 1, 1951, the President approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of the memorandum to him.

12 Feb AEC 153/19 circulated for consideration by the Commission a report by the Director of Military Application, recommending the appointment of the Commander, JTF-3, as the Commission's representative. The report recommended that the Atomic Energy Commission:

a. Approve the delegation of full authority to the Commander, JTF-3, to act for the Commission in all matters pertaining to GREENHOUSE and the Eniwetok Proving Grounds during the overseas period of Operation GREENHOUSE;

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- b. Approve dispatch of a memorandum such as that in Appendix "A" to the Commander, JTF-3, through the Department of Defense, informing him of his designation as Commission representative, effective February 15, 1951, and outlining his responsibilities;
- c. Approve dispatch of a memorandum such as that in Appendix "B" to the Manager, SFO, appraising him of action in this matter and authorizing him to transfer custody of fissionable material to the Commander, JTF-3.
- d. Note that the effective dates of the delegation of authority in a above will coincide approximately with the dates of assumption and relinquishment of command of Eniwetok Atoll by Commander, JTF-3.
- e. Note that the Commission recognizes the full responsibility of the Commander, JTF-3, for decisions in emergency situations involving disposal or destruction of AEC equipment, including fissionable equipment;
- f. Note that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy will be advised of this action by appropriate letter.

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AEC 153/20 circulated for consideration by the Commission in connection with Commission consideration of AEC 153/19 the following attachments:

- a. Appendix "A" to AEC 153/19 - Draft memorandum to the Commander, JTF-3, as referred to in paragraph 11b of AEC 153/19;
- b. Appendix "B" to AEC 153/19 - Draft memorandum to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations, as referred to in paragraph 11c of AEC 153/19.

13 Feb

At Meeting 524 the Commission:

- a. Noted with approval the deletion of the first sentence of Paragraph 5 of Appendix "A" to AEC 153/19 (contained in AEC 153/20);
- b. Noted with approval the deletion of Item e of the recommendation of AEC 153/19; and
- c. Approved the recommendation of AEC 153/19 subject to revisions in accordance with b above.

Letter dispatched to General Quesada informing him of his designation as Commission representative, effective 2/15/51, in accordance with Commission action at Meeting 524.

Letter dispatched to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations Office in accordance with Commission action at Meeting 524.

20 Feb

Letter dispatched to the Chairman, JCAE, advising of Commission action in connection with AEC 153/19.

2 Mar

AEC 153/22 circulated for consideration by the Commission a report by the Director of Military Application concerning the revision of the GREENHOUSE shot schedule. The report recommended that the Commission :



- b. Approve constitution of the GREENHOUSE test program as set forth in paragraph 1 above;



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c. Note that the concurrence of the Department of Defense in a and b above will be requested by memorandum such as that in the Appendix.

6 Mar At Meeting 531 the Commission approved the recommendation of AEC 153/22.

7 Mar AEC 153/23 circulated for the information of the Commission a memorandum from the Commanding General, JTF-3, forwarding for consideration by the AEC a proposed press release and a proposed public information plan for Operation GREENHOUSE. Prior MLC concurrence stated to be necessary.

Memorandum from E. Trapnell advising that the Commissioners individually indicated their approval of the proposed press release and dispatch of a letter to the Executive Secretary, NSC, requesting action on this press release and that MLC concurrence had been received. (MLC 153/23/6)

8 Mar Memorandum to the Executive Secretary, NSC, requesting action on a proposed press release for Operation GREENHOUSE.

AEC 153/23 circulated for the information of the Commission a memorandum by the Director of Military Application regarding the program for official observers at Operation GREENHOUSE. AEC 153/25 advised that invitations have been extended to the JCAE and the GAC by letters from the Chairman, AEC, and the Director, MA, respectively. (JCAE invitation from Chmn, AEC-3/7.)

9 Mar Memorandum to the MLC requesting concurrence in accordance with Commission action at Meeting 531.

14 Mar Memorandum from the Chairman, MLC, expressing MLC concurrence in the GREENHOUSE program outlined in the memorandum of March 9. (AEC 153/26)

19 Mar Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, NSC, advising that the President approved the proposed press release for Operation GREENHOUSE.

20 Mar Press release issued.

6Apr AEC 153/28 circulated for the Commission's consideration a report by the Directors of Military Application and Information Services on public information policy and clearance procedure for Operation Greenhouse. The report recommended that the Commission :

- a. Approve the Public Information Policy and Procedure Operation Greenhouse
- b. Forward by letter such as that attached as Appendix "C " to the Executive Secretary, NSC, copy of the Public Information Policy and Procedure, Operation Greenhouse, for consideration by the Special Committee on Atomic Energy of the NSC, and submission to the President for his approval;
- c. Note that the Task Force ,the Dept of Defense, and AEC staff will continue to use the standard response to inquiry prior to completion of the tests;
- d. Note that the Commander, JTF-3 will be advised upon receipt of the views of the Security Council.


At Meeting 546 the Commission approved the recommendation of AEC 153/28.

9Apr Letter dispatched to the Executive Secretary, NSC , in accordance with Commission action b at Meeting 546. (Attached letters forwarded copies of the plan to the Dept. of State and to the CIA, through the AEC Division of Intelligence.)

(Note: Prior MLC concurrence on information paper received on March 28.) ..

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- 17 Apr Letter from Executive Secretary, NSC, to effect that the President had approved the public information plan
- 19 Apr Teletype to Commander, JTF-3, as per Commission action d at Meeting 546.

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