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4. AEC 787/34 - Foreign Observer Briefing at REDWING (pp. 4-1)

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General Starbird reviewed material to be presented at a briefing for British and Canadian observers at Operation REDWING. Mr. Murray indicated that he had not anticipated that the briefing would be as extensive as outlined in Appendix "B" of AEC 787/34, and inquired why such detailed information was to be disclosed. General Starbird said the briefing had been prepared so that it might be of assistance to the U. K. and Canada in planning their future nuclear weapons test operations. In answer to a question by Mr. Murray, General Starbird said that AEC 787/34 did not specifically state that no Restricted Data relating to thermonuclear weapons, except effects information would be transmitted to the U.K. and Canadian observers. He pointed out, however, that transmittal of such information was prohibited unless jointly agreed upon by the Commission and the DOD, and said that the Commission had

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previously declined to make such a joint determination. (See minutes of Meeting 1137. Mr. Murray then suggested that the Commission specify that no Restricted Data concerning thermonuclear weapons, except effects information, would be included in the briefing for the U. K. and Canadian observers.

After further discussion, and subject to Mr. Strauss' concurrence, the Commission:

a. Concurred in the use of the proposed briefing material (Appendix "B" as modified by paragraph 3 of AEC 787/34) for briefing U. K.-Canadian observers at Operation REDWING;

b. Noted that no Restricted Data on thermonuclear weapons except effects information which does not reveal any design or fabrication information concerning thermonuclear weapons, will be disclosed during the briefing for U. K. and Canadian observers; and

c. Noted that the Chairman, MLC, will be notified of this action by a letter such as Appendix "C", to AEC 787/34 revised in accordance with b above.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Strauss indicated his concurrence with this decision.

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