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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 22, 1956

MEMORANDUM for the Commissioners and the General Manager

SUBJECT: NOTES FOR THE 104th AEC-MLC CONFERENCE ON MAY 24, 1956

1. The Military Liaison Committee does not propose to formally submit any agenda items for the Conference. The AEC has submitted, however, two items and the following brief notes are furnished for the information of the Commission as background for the meeting.

2. Status of Redwing. Brig. Gen. Starbird is prepared to give a brief report on this subject. It will generally encompass results of first two shots, status of organization, possible timing of future shots.

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3. AEC Planning Estimates. On May 18, 1956, the Acting Chairman signed the letter that transmitted the Commission's semi-annual planning estimates to the Chairman of the MLC. In addition to the factual data in the enclosures concerning

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the status of items in development, estimates of fissionable, fusionable and "special" materials and weapons production estimates, the letter of transmittal again brought up the question of the adequacy of the AEC's production facilities. This letter (AEC 580/45) was approved with certain modifications, for dispatch to the DOD by the Commission during meeting 1199 on May 16, 1956. It will be recalled that in this letter the problem of the shortage of reactor products is set down, in conclusion of which the statement is made "In view of this situation, we believe that the Department of Defense will wish to reconsider its statement of desired stockpile composition for July 1, 1959. Further, in view of the anticipated increased interest in small diameter weapons beyond FY 1959, we inquire whether the Department of Defense will wish to stand upon the statement in its letter dated April 25, 1956, that 'The Joint Chiefs do not believe that there is sufficient evidence at this time to warrant a request to expand the AEC facilities to meet military requirements.'".

4. It has been learned that upon completion of the agenda items for the 104th Conference, the MLC may bring up for informal discussion certain matters of interest to them that are outstanding within the AEC. The one that appears to be most likely to be brought up is the pending "Joint AEC-DOD Classification Guide". It now appears that this will be before the Commission for action during the week of May 28th.

5. In addition to the item immediately preceding, the following are of interest to the DOD and are outstanding:

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Already Considered by the Commission

a. AEC 867/20 entitled "Responsibilities Regarding Dispersed High Yield Weapons" was approved, subject to certain modification, by Commission on May 2.

b. AEC 887/4 entitled "Policy on Use of Weapons" was deferred on May 2 pending a briefing of the Commission on this matter by General Loper.

Pending Consideration (as of this writing):

a. 781/35 - On the Commission agenda for joint determination by the Commission with the DOD as to the transmissibility of "Fleet Air Defense Study" to the U. K. and Canada, scheduled for May 24.

b. 781/36 - On the Commission agenda for joint determination by the Commission and the DOD as to the transmissibility of information on "Safety Tests at Nevada Test Site" to the U. K., scheduled for May 24.

c. Reconsideration of AEC 111/49, "Removal of Information from the Restricted Data Category under Section 142(e) of the Act". Action on this paper was previously deferred pending supplemental judgments, now submitted, by Directors of Security and Intelligence. On the Commission Agenda for May 29, 1956.

d. Joint determination by the Commission and the DOD that certain "Categories and items of information" are transmissible to the NATO organization. Staff paper has been prepared and submitted.

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