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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 1078

2:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 1955

Present

Thomas E. Murray
W. F. Libby
John von Neumann

K. D. Nichols
R. W. Cook
William Mitchell

W. B. McCool
John H. Stumpf

Also Present

A. Tammaro
Harry S. Traynor
Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields
Col. Vincent G. Huston
Col. John J. Dishuck
E. J. Bloch
R. L. Faulkner
W. Kenneth Davis
T. H. Johnson
Edward Epremian
Dr. Charles L. Dunham
Oscar S. Smith
J. A. Waters
Don S. Burrows
John H. Burchard
Morse Salisbury
Duncan C. Clark
Curtis A. Nelson
Harold L. Price
Everett Holles
Comdr. John W. Crawford
Richard J. Hallinan

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1ST REVIEW DATE: 8/11/91	DETERMINATION (CIRCLE NUMBER(S))
AUTHORITY: EAC/DAAC/K:DD	1. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED
NAME: J. A. Waters	2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
2ND REVIEW DATE: 8/22/92	3. CONTAINS NO DOE CLASSIFIED INFO
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NAME: W. M. Nash	5. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
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e. Biology and Medicine

Dr. Dunham reported on the results of his recent survey of the health of Marshall Island residents who had been involved in fallout incidents during Operation CASTLE. He said that he was well pleased with the general health and morale of all groups concerned and reported that the Rongelap Marshalese could be returned to their atoll shortly subject only to a number of limitations on diet and movement. Mr. Libby asked Dr. Dunham to inform him concerning radioactive strontium contamination of shell fish and other seafood in the area.

Dr. Dunham then reported on discussions with Dr. Robert H. Holmes, the new director of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, concerning the ABCC's plans for future activities. He also commented briefly on specific aspects of relations with Japan.

In the course of discussion, Mr. Libby said that Mr. Strauss had asked him to request the National Academy of Sciences to cooperate with representatives of a British group which is conducting studies of the effects of radioactivity.

At this point Mr. Clark left the meeting and Messrs. Waters and Salisbury entered.

f. Organization and Personnel

Mr. Smith reported on the rates of turnover of AEC staff at various levels.

He then outlined and discussed with the Commissioners the causes of a strike of certain operating employees at Sandia.

He also reported on the rate of transfer of contractor personnel from AEC work to the companies' own projects.