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REPOSITORY NACA College Park  
COLLECTION RG326 51-35 GAMMA-NEUTRON EXPERIMENT AT IVY  
BOX No. 182 (NN3-326-93-010)  
FOLDER MRA 7 Aug, V2 Note by the Secretary

The Division of Military Application has submitted for the information of the Commission the following data concerning the helium-filled box for gamma-neutron experiments at IVY:

"The General Manager of Holmes & Narver Company, Inc., in Los Angeles, reports the following estimates on the cost of this box:

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| Initial Estimate, Box                                 | \$693,125      |
| Initial Estimate, Metal Roof                          | <u>80,450</u>  |
| Total Initial Estimate                                | \$773,575      |
| His guess as to actual final cost of box              | \$650,000      |
| Cost of helium, 4 fillings                            | 35,000         |
| Cost of shipping helium and returning empty cylinders | <u>150,000</u> |
| Probable cost of box and helium                       | \$835,000      |

"To this must be added cost of balloons and lead collimators, not now known, to get final total cost. These two items may be of the order of \$10,000 - \$15,000.

"It is interesting to note here that the original proposition from the laboratory was to perform this same function by using coaxial cable buried at the required depth in the causeway.

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The causeway as built in its present form cost approximately \$1,000,000. The additional cost of doing this experiment this second way was estimated as follows:

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| Causeways built up to 30', 20', & 10'<br>(including concrete conduits and man-<br>holes) | \$1,000,000   |
| 9000' Coaxial Cable @ \$10.00 per ft.  | <u>90,000</u> |
| Total  | \$1,090,000   |

"This was rejected and the helium filled box was chosen as being the less expensive of the two."

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Secretary