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FROM: Robert L. Corsbie.

SUBJECT: FCDA PARTICIPATION IN AEC PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE FCDA AND AEC.

- REFS: (a) Ltr dtd 7/6/51 fm John A. DeChant, Director,
Public Affairs, FCDA, to Morse Salisbury,
Director, Division of Information Services,
AEC.
- (b) Ltr dtd 7/6/51 fm Morse Salisbury, Director,
Division of Information Services, AEC, to
John A. DeChant, Director, Public Affairs,
FCDA.

In accordance with above references, a meeting was held on July 17,
1951, at the FCDA Building, 1930 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington
25, D. C.

Present: John A. DeChant, Director, Public Affairs,
FCDA.
Harold Goodwin, Deputy Director, Public
Affairs, FCDA.
Dr. H. K. Gayer, Director, Research
Coordination Division, FCDA. — *coll*
Morse Salisbury, Director, Division of
Information Services, AEC.
Shelby Thompson, Chief, Public
Information Services, AEC.
Robert L. Corsbie, Chief, Civil Defense
Liaison Branch, Division of Biology
and Medicine, AEC.

The meeting opened with a review by Mr. DeChant of his letter of July 6,
1951, to Mr. Salisbury, and covered, point by point, statements recently
discussed, to which the FCDA, in some degree, took exception. General
understanding was reached with respect to handling future data with civil
defense implications.

Messrs. DeChant and Goodwin expressed some concern over difficulties en-
countered by FCDA in obtaining data relating to the effects of weapons under
the present conditions of top priority of "weapons development", the feeling
of the FCDA people being that little attention is given to saving lives. In
this connection, Mr. Salisbury suggested that it would be helpful to all con-
cerned if the FCDA would prepare a bill of particulars, especially stating
the kind of data and priority needs for immediate attention by AEC.

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*at 2:00 PM 7/18/51
to the FCDA program*

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FCDA stated that they have let a display contract for a civil defense exhibition train to be operated somewhat similar to the "Freedom Train" and that an exhibit especially desired is a full-scale model of an atomic bomb of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki type. They feel that so many people have seen the models used for practice bombing and other purposes, that it might be possible to declassify the bomb, and to give them first priority in exhibiting it.

Another topic discussed was the value of a briefing session for AEC principal staff, or the Commissioners, in which the FCDA would point out the importance to them of stimulating public interest in civil defense measures and in acquainting the AEC personnel with the FCDA operational calendar with respect to the necessity of accelerating the civil defense program. In essence, they feel the calendar is very much against them and that every effort should be made to place in their hands at the very earliest possible time, information from the GREENHOUSE operation and other sources. Mr. Salisbury thought the briefing session was a good idea and suggested that it be set up through this office.

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Distribution: Dr. Bugher
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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Civil Defense Liaison Branch

Through the Civil Defense Liaison Branch, FCDA has informally expressed a desire to hold a briefing session for the Commissioners and principal staff of AEC. This briefing would be for the purpose of stating the basic needs of FCDA in stimulating public interest in civil defense organization, reviewing their operational schedule with respect to the urgency of accelerating their program, and stating their needs with reference to structural and other data that might be available from A-bomb tests.

7-23
Called Tel. Room
today and advised in
letter staff work on
Boyer - 4-24

7-25-51
Discussed with A. B. Hughes
OK
File

1x Current activities mention desire
of FCDA for briefing and why
as explained informally to staff

2x Get the letter Waxworth to Boyer
right over

3x Discuss com. acceptance + date

wk of July 30