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Thomas E. Murray
W. F. Libby

K. E. Fields
R. W. Cook
William Mitchell

W. B. McCool
John H. Stumpf

Also Present

Davis F. Shaw
Jesse C. Johnson
C. D. W. Thornton
Paul F. Foster
John A. Hall
Col. Alfred D. Starbird
Capt. John W. Gannon
Morse Salisbury
Manuel Dupkin
Richard L. Hallinan
Comdr. John W. Crawford

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1. Executive Session*

- a. Discussion with Sir Edwin Flowden
- b. Dispersal of Thermonuclear Weapons
- c. Clearance of Dr. Urey
- d. Meeting with the Ad Hoc Security Committee
- e. Preparation for Hearings Before the Joint Committee

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*Separate minutes and a separate transcript for this part of the meeting have been circulated.

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- f. Appointment of Dr. Bugher to the Advisory Committee on Biology and Medicine
- g. Security Violations at ACF West Buffalo Plant
- h. MVGC Negotiations
- i. Discussions with the U.K. Concerning Uranium Allocations and Related Matters
- j. AEC 226/20 - Position Paper on Disarmament
- k. State Department Proposal for Colombo Nations Research Center
- l. Cabinet Paper Concerning FCDA

2. AEC 303/7 - Advantages and Disadvantages of the CDA

The Commissioners discussed at length with the General Manager and members of the staff the relative advantages of the Combined Development Agency from the AEC's point of view, and considered to what extent the AEC would be committed to continue as a member of the organization if allocations to the U.K. in future years are agreed upon during forthcoming negotiations with British representatives. In response to a question by Mr. Murray, Mr. Johnson confirmed that if the AEC agreed to the UK's request for allocations several years in advance rather than on a year-to-year basis this would be a binding commitment. He said that he believed that the British would view with concern any agreement concerning future allocations which might contain reservations concerning AEC's membership in CDA. He said that it is already apparent that the UK is concerned about the availability of uranium and that he understood that they were attempting to make arrangements for purchases from Canada and Australia. He pointed out that the British are in an entirely different position from the U. S. since they have no domestic uranium resources.

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3. Announcement of One Point Detonation Tests

Mr. Fields suggested that the press release on the series of one point detonation tests to begin in Nevada early in November be issued at once since a newspaper statement concerning the tests had already appeared. The Commission:

Noted that the announcement of the weapons tests to be conducted at the Nevada Test Site in the fall of this year would be released at once.

4. Status Report to the NSC

Mr. Fields said that he had received the comments of all of the Commissioners except Mr. von Neumann on the draft Status Report to the NSC (AEC 746/11). Mr. Murray asked Mr. Libby to suggest revisions in the section of the report concerning fall-out from atomic detonations and Mr. Libby agreed to do so.

W. B. McCool
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: January 11, 1956