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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN STRAUSS

Subject: COMMISSION DECISIONS FROM APRIL 17 THROUGH APRIL 26, 1956

We thought you might like a brief summary of Commission decisions and items of information during the period April 17 through April 26, 1956.

Meeting 1193 - April 17, 1956 (Commissioners Libby, Murray and Vance attended)

1. Emergency Loading of Weapons - The Commission approved immediate establishment of procedures for emergency loading of weapons. Recommendations on appropriate revisions to the procedures on transfer and custody of weapons will be submitted later.
2. August Vacations - The Commissioners agreed they would go on vacation the last three and one-half weeks in August.
3. Observers at REDWING - The Commission approved the attendance of news media representatives at a small shot, if necessary, in addition to their scheduled attendance at a large shot.
4. Items of Information
 - a. Mr. Murray said he would attend a large shot of Operation REDWING in June.
 - b. Dr. Leith was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

Meeting 1194 - April 18, 1956 (Commissioners Libby, Murray and Vance attended)

1. AEC 767/4 - Enrico Fermi Award - Approved. The Commissioners agreed that the award should be for \$50,000. The Commissioners also approved a design for the medal, subject to comment by Mrs. Fermi and

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Dr. Rabi. Presidential approval was obtained on April 24. The check has been deposited. The JCAE has been informed of this matter and a press release was issued Saturday.

2. AEC 781/31 - Transmission of Military Reactor Information to the UK and Canada - Approved as revised. Your concurrence was reported at the Informal Meeting on April 26, 1956.

3. AEC 71/55 Revised Criteria and procedures for Determining Eligibility for Personnel Security Clearance - Approved, as revised.

4. AEC 764/24 List of Atomic Information for Transmittal to the UK and Canada - Approved, as revised. General Starbird is to explore with the DOD the possibility of reporting to the Commissioners on the information which is transmitted to the UK under this determination.

5. AEC 862/16 - UK Purchases of Canadian Uranium Concentrates - Approved, with the understanding that we will proceed on this basis as long as UK ore requirement estimates are not exceeded.

6. Items of Information

a. Mr. Mitchell reported on the testimony of himself, Mr. Libby and Mr. Roddis before the Special Subcommittee of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee concerning the amendment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act. The industrial testimony is to be reviewed to determine if the AEC position is to be reconsidered.

b. Captain Waters gave a favorable report on his recent survey of the UK security system. Mr. Murray requested that the FBI be asked for their evaluation of the UK security system, as compared with that of the U. S.

c. The Commissioners had no objection to proceeding with a contract with Babcock and Wilcox on the LMFRE.

Meeting 1195 - April 19, 1956 (Commissioners Libby, Murray and Vance attended)

1. AEC 777/19 - Power Demonstration Reactor Program - Approved.

2. LASL and UCRL Studies - Approved the General Manager's authorization to LASL and UCRL to make public references to their studies of nuclear propulsion for missiles.

3. Personnel Appointment - The Commissioners had no objection to the selection of Robert E. Hollingsworth as Assistant General Manager, Administration.

4. Item of Information

Missing SAC aircraft still not located.

Informal Meeting - April 24, 1956 (Commissioners Libby and Vance attended)

1. Review of MURA Proposal - The GAC has declined to make the original technical review of the MURA proposal. A Review Committee is being selected by Mr. Cook.

2. Cabinet Mobilization Exercise - Mr. Libby reported on the Mobilization C Plan exercise. The President and Cabinet members attended the briefing, as well as representatives of certain independent agencies. A report on the AEC part of the exercise was submitted by Mr. Shaw well within the reporting period.

3. General Manager's Monthly Report - The Production and Military Application Divisions have been asked to brief you on their reports.

Informal Meeting - April 26, 1956 (Commissioners Libby and Vance attended)

1. AEC 817/17 - Proposed Revisions to FY 1957 Budget Estimates Deferred until April 30, 1956. A revised letter was sent to the Secretary of Defense requesting confirmation of DOD support.

2. Item of Information

Mr. Libby reported his discussions with Sir John Cockcroft (UK) and Dr. Lewis (Canada) concerning declassification of Project SHERWOOD. Sir John favors declassification of present data, with the reservation that it may be necessary to classify some future data. Dr. Lewis favors complete declassification.


W. B. McCool
Secretary

cc: General Manager

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