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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AND GENERAL MANAGER

Subject: AGENDA PLANNING SESSION, 11:00 A.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1956

At 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 1956, the Agenda Planning Session was held in the Chairman's office. Those present were:

Lewis L. Strauss
W. F. Libby
Harold S. Vance

K. E. Fields
William Mitchell

W. B. McCool
William L. Oakley

Richard J. Hallinan
Manuel Dupkin

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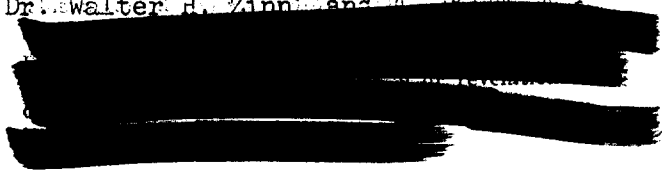
The following is a report of the subjects discussed:

1. Agenda

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The Commissioners discussed the proposed Agenda for the week of March 5, 1956. They agreed that the meetings scheduled for this week should be deferred until the week of March 19, if the MLC agreed to defer the AEC-MLC Conference scheduled for March 8.

After a brief discussion, the Commissioners indicated their approval of AEC 780/2 - "Special Recognition of Dr. Walter H. Zinn" and the



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asked that Commissioner Murray's and Commissioner von Neumann's comments be obtained.*

The Commissioners then briefly considered the proposed recommendation to the President that he give 1,000 kilograms of U-235 to the International Atomic Energy Agency. With reference to this proposal, the Commissioners also discussed the 12-nation meeting on IAEA now in progress. They agreed to meet at 2:15 p.m. to discuss the proposed recommendation to the President.

The Commissioners commented on JCAE hearings during which industrial representatives would testify on the McKinney Panel report. They agreed that it would be desirable for a Commissioner to attend the first session of these hearings, and that AEC representatives should also be present for later sessions. With reference to the possibility of industrial representatives criticizing the access permit program, the Commissioners indicated that they believed the present program was both sound and justified.


2. Transcript of JCAE Hearing on February 23

Mr. Strauss asked Mr. Hallinan whether a transcript had been received of the executive session JCAE hearings on February 23. Mr. Hallinan replied that he did not know whether this transcript had been received.

3. Visits by Commissioners and General Manager

During discussion of the desirability of visiting facilities in the forthcoming periods when meetings would not be scheduled, Mr. Fields

*Mr. Murray's and Mr. von Neumann's offices subsequently informed the Office of the Secretary that Mr. Murray and Mr. von Neumann had indicated their approval of AEC 780/2.



said he intended to visit NRTS to inspect construction of facilities for the ANP program. Mr. Strauss said he had planned to visit NRTS at the end of March.


Mr. Strauss asked that the General Manager determine the Commissioners' plans for attending Operation REDWING. With reference to the question of press representatives attending Operation REDWING, Mr. Strauss said that this matter would be discussed at the OCB meeting on Wednesday, March 7.

4. Emergency Transfer Directive

Mr. Strauss said that at a Cabinet Meeting earlier in the day, the Cabinet had agreed that the Director, ODM, would coordinate all emergency procedures of the government agencies and would maintain records of emergency procedures at a center for use by the President or his successor. With reference to the emergency transfer directive approved by the Commission at Meeting 1174 on February 8, Mr. Strauss said the President had indicated that after he had approved this directive, it should be filed at this center. Therefore, Mr. Strauss said that after he and the Secretary of Defense had presented the directive to the President and obtained his approval, the General Manager should do this.

5. Budget Matters

Mr. Strauss said he had learned that some government agencies would incur obligations greater than their budget authority for FY 1956. He asked the General Manager to insure that AEC would not run the risk of also doing this. Mr. Fields said that he would discuss the matter with


Mr. Burrows and then inform Mr. Strauss about the AEC fiscal situation.

Mr. Strauss inquired whether the Commissioners had seen the letter from the Director, BCB, calling attention to budget laws and policies which, among other things, provide that officers and employees of government agencies are not to request funds of Congress except through official channels. The other Commissioners indicated that they had seen the letter. (See AEC 728/30.)

6. Rental of Airplane for Commission Use

Mr. Libby referred to the difficulty the Commissioners found in having time to visit installations. Mr. Fields suggested in this connection that the rental of an aircraft for AEC purposes be re-examined. He observed that, possibly, the availability of an airplane would assist in solving this problem. The Commissioners indicated that the General Manager should consider this possibility.

W. B. McCool
Secretary

cc: General Counsel