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SUBJECT: RECAP OF MEETING 1081, MAY 5, 1955

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Commission Actions

1. <u>AEC 653/4 - Construction of a Nuclear Powered Merchant Vessel</u> - Approved as revised. Mr. Murray voted only on <u>a</u> of the recommendations. The Commissioners commented on Dr. Libby's statement for the hearing. The Commissioners requested that the JCAE be informed of the security implications of discussing in open hearings the affect of this program on military propulsion programs.

2. Letter to JCAE Requesting Authorizing Legislation for the Merchant Ship Reactor and the Philippine Research Reactor - Approved.

3. <u>AEC 779/12 - Exchange of Power Reactor Information with the U.K. and</u> <u>Canada</u> - Approved.

4. <u>AEC 779/9 - DOD Agreement for Cooperation with Canada</u> - Approved, subject to comments by the Commissioners which will be provided individually to the General Counsel.

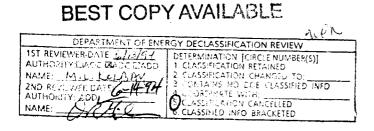
5. <u>AEC 706/12 - Revision in Thorium Refinery Program</u> - Approved.

6. <u>AEC 770/5 - Selection of Contractor for the SRS Project</u> - Approved, Mr. Murray not voting.

7. <u>AEC 616/17 - Sale of Heat from the Sodium Reactor Experiment</u> - Approved.

8. <u>AEC 762/2 - Revision of the Handbock "The Effects of Atomic Weapons"</u> - Commissioners Libby and von Neumann said the staff should proceed with informal action, but that AEC 762/2 would be considered by the Commission later.

9. <u>Approval of Minutes of Meetings 1072 and 1073</u> - Deferred until the Chairman returns.





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### **Other Business**

1. <u>Status of Last Shot at Operation TEAPOT</u> - Dr. Libby requested that he be kept currently informed.

2. Joint Committee access to Stockpile Information - You asked that this be treated confidentially.

3. <u>Controversy Regarding Discovery of Elements 99 and 100</u> - The Commission discussed its position. Dr. Libby said Element 101 is clearly the property of the Berkeley group.

4. <u>Discussion with Mr. Bennett, AECL</u> - The Commissioners decided that if Canada would accept the revised agreement there was no need for Commission reconsideration.

5. <u>Public Release of Turkish Bilateral</u> - The Commissioners decided that the agreement would not be made public before it is formally signed, unless the Joint Committee releases it or asks that it be released.

6. <u>AEC 280/17 - New Headquarters Building</u> - Discussed by Commissioners Libby and von Neumann. No objection was expressed to the procedures outlined; however, Dr. Libby asked that publicity be kept to a minimum pending a decision from the White House.

# Items of Information

- 1. Yield of Cpen Shot.
- 2. Labor Situation at Sandia.
- 3. BUB approval of budget requests for Merchant Ship Reactor and Philippine Research Reactor.
- 4. Completion of Sixth Cascade of Alpha 5.
- 5. Discussion with Representative Price of the Merchant Ship Program by Dr. Libby and Mr. Morse.
- 6. Small Business Subcommittee Hearing
- 7. Timing of WIGWAM Press Release.
- 8. Joint Committee Hearings on Operation WIGWAM.
- 9. Authorization Hearings.

You may wish to inform the JCAE of Item 4. Yes . + How How Hold . 69