

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 1311

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10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 30, 1957

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Present

Lewis L. Strauss  
W. F. Libby  
Harold S. Vance  
John S. Graham  
John F. Floberg

K. E. Fields  
Edwin E. Ferguson

W. B. McCool

Also Present

James E. Ammons  
E. J. Bloch  
Don S. Burrows  
Francis J. McCarthy  
John L. McGruder  
Frank K. Pittman  
Calvin Potts  
Brig. Gen. Alfred D. Starbird  
A. Tammaro

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1. AEC 939/13 - Consideration of FY 1959 Budget Estimates

Under consideration was AEC 939/13 - Consideration of FY 1959 Budget Estimates, which contained a recommendation that the Commission consider the desirability of amending the FY 1959 budget estimates and approve for transmittal to the Bureau of the Budget a draft letter concerning these amendments.

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Mr. Strauss said he wished to know the Commission's position on proposed amendments to the FY 1959 budget estimates prior to a meeting later in the day with the President and Director, BOB.

Mr. Fields commented on a meeting with the BOB concerning certain items in the budget estimates which are under discussion with the Department of Defense. He added that the DOD has indicated they believe funds should be restored in the AEC budget for continued work on the destroyer reactor project. In addition, the DOD believes that funds

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2. Items of Information

a. Air Force Activities at Pacific Proving Grounds

In response to a question by Mr. Strauss, Mr. Fields said the Department of the Air Force had obtained AEC approval for use of the Pacific Proving Grounds during recent tests of missiles.

b. Congressman Durham's Speech Before the Atomic Industrial Forum

Mr. Strauss commented that he understood Congressman Durham's speech to be presented before the Atomic Industrial Forum later in the day contained criticism of the Commission's activities.

Mr. Graham reported on a recent conversation with Congressman Durham in which he had expressed satisfaction with the progress of Western European atomic energy programs. Congressman Durham had commented favorably particularly on the French program and their plans for developing weapons and gaseous diffusion programs. Mr. Strauss observed that inspection activities at French facilities are in need of improvement.

c. Mr. Charles Weaver's Speech Before the Atomic Industrial Forum

Mr. Strauss commented briefly on the recent speech of Mr. Charles Weaver, President of the Westinghouse Electric Company, before the Atomic Industrial Forum. Mr. Weaver had indicated that large industrial companies which have participated in the civilian atomic energy program have lost money through incorrect engineering estimates. These companies also feel that the Government should provide increased assistance to new civilian reactor projects. Mr. Strauss said that after the speech Mr. Gordon Dean, former Chairman of the AEC, had expressed his approval of Mr. Weaver's speech.

d. Florida Nuclear Power Group Negotiations

In response to a question by Mr. Libby, Mr. Fields said Mr. Roddis and other staff members are currently participating in negotiations with the Florida Nuclear Power Group.