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Present

Lewis L. Strauss
Henry D. Smyth
Thomas E. Murray
Eugene M. Zuckert
Joseph Campbell

K. D. Nichols
William Mitchell

Roy B. Snapp
W. B. McCool

Also Present

R. W. Cook
Carroll A. Towne
L. R. Hafstad
A. Tammaro
E. R. Trapnell
Comdr. James M. Dunford
George F. Trowbridge
Morse Salisbury
David S. Teeple
J. A. Waters

1. AEC 294/66 - MTA Project

Under consideration was a recommendation by the General Manager proposing a reduction in the level of effort on the MTA Project and the transfer of the contract from the California Research and Development Company to the University of California. Mr. Nichols said that Dr. E. O. Lawrence had been consulted regarding the change and would continue with the A-54 experiment.

After discussion, the Commission:

a. Concurred in the determination that construction of a large-scale production accelerator should not, on the basis of presently known facts, be undertaken in the near future.

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7. Press Release Concerning Evacuation of Natives After March 1 Detonation

The Commissioners considered the proposed text of a press announcement concerning the transfer of island residents and task force personnel from islands in the Marshall Group subsequent to the first detonation in the current series.

After extensive discussion, it was determined that Mr. Strauss would be informed of the text of the proposed release and, if he approved, the concurrences of other interested Government agencies would be requested.

Roy B. Snapp
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Secretary

Approved by the Commission: May 19, 1954

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