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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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MEETING NO. 969

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11:00 a.m., Friday, March 19, 1954

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Present

Thomas E. Murray  
Eugene M. Zuckert  
Joseph Campbell

K. D. Nichols  
William Mitchell

Roy B. Snapp  
John H. Stumpf

Harold L. Price  
Francis J. McCarthy

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1. Discussions with Members of House Appropriations Committee

The General Manager reported on discussions he had had with members of the House Appropriations Committee earlier in the day. In particular, he discussed with the Commissioners provisions which might be incorporated into the AEC appropriations legislation which would permit greater flexibility in the use of construction funds.

The Commissioners commented on the possible advantages of these provisions. Mr. Murray indicated, however, that he was concerned that even allowing for the new provisions, the FY 1955 Budget still might not permit the AEC to take full advantage of information which might be derived from the present test series.

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2. Independent Offices Subcommittee Request for Information Concerning Selection of Industrial Participant for PWR Project

The General Manager said that in the course of the discussions described above, he had been informed that various members of the Independent Offices Subcommittee would like to have a letter setting forth the basis for the Commission's decision in selecting an industrial participant for the PWR project.\*

3. Extension of Danger Area Surrounding Pacific Proving Grounds

Mr. Murray asked that it be recorded in the minutes that on the previous day, March 18, 1954, with the concurrence of Commissioner Zuckert and Commissioner Campbell he had dispatched a letter to the Secretary of the Interior requesting his concurrence in a decision to enlarge the danger area at the Pacific Proving Grounds, and a letter to the Chief of Naval Operations requesting him to implement this decision. A letter to the Secretary of State informing him of this matter had also been transmitted. (See AEC 125/7, subsequently circulated.)

The General Manager said that the Secretary of the Interior had concurred in this decision with the understanding that if populated islands were included in the enlarged area, immediate steps would be taken to evacuate them.

The General Manager also said that he had discussed with the Chairman of the Joint Committee the question of compensation for the twenty-three members of the crew of a Japanese fishing boat apparently injured by fall-out after the first detonation in the current series.

4. Review of Agenda

The Commissioners reviewed the agenda for the week of March 22.

*Roy B. Snapp*  
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Secretary

Approved by the Commission: May 19, 1954

\*A copy of this letter, as dispatched is on file in the Office of the Secretary

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