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Present

Lewis L. Strauss
 Henry D. Smyth
 Joseph Campbell

K. D. Nichols
 Max Isenbergh

Roy B. Snapp
 John H. Stumpf

Also Present

T. H. Johnson
 A. Tammaro
 L. R. Hafstad
 James K. Pickard
 Morse Salisbury
 E. R. Trapnell
 Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields
 Lt. Col. Ralph D. Gahl
 John A. Derry
 J. A. Waters
 McKay Donkin
 Comdr. James M. Dunford
 J. Robert Barlow

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1. Approval of AEC-MLC Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the 87th and 88th AEC-MLC conferences.

2. AEC 560/1 - Research Reactor for the University of Michigan

Under consideration was a recommendation by the General Manager that the Commission approve the allocation of fissionable material for the operation of a research reactor to be constructed by the University of Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - CLASSIFICATION REVIEW	
1ST REVIEW DATE: <u>8-14-95</u>	DETERMINATION (CIRCLE NUMBER(S))
AUTHORITY: <u>13AC, 13ACX, ADD</u>	1. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED
NAME: <u>D. LITTLE</u>	2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
2ND REVIEW DATE: <u>8-16-55</u>	3. CONTAINS NO DOE CLASSIFIED INFO
AUTHORITY: <u>ADD</u>	4. COORDINATE WITH:
NAME: <u>W. CHROBAK</u>	5. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
	6. CLASSIFIED INFO BRACKETED
	7. OTHER (SPECIFY): <u>PAGES 134-141</u>

The Chairman also requested the staff to draw up a glossary of code names used in connection with AEC activities.

At this point General Fields and Mr. Waters left the meeting.

7. Plans for Expansion Program Construction

The General Manager reviewed plans for the construction of facilities required for the production program and discussed with the Commission questions concerning the standards of construction. He said that it was proposed to provide Class I blast resistant construction for all facilities with several major exceptions, of which the most important would be the ADP plants at Oak Ridge. After extensive discussion of the cost differential between Class I and less substantial construction and the precedents which have been established in this matter, the Commissioners indicated that they had no objection to the program's proceeding as planned.

8. Scientific and Technical Conference in Belgium

The General Manager reported that Mr. Hafstad and Dr. Zinn had been invited to participate in a scientific and technical conference to be held in Belgium from September 11 to September 19, 1954. He said that the sponsors of the conference had offered to pay the expenses of both invitees but that he believed that their expenses should be paid by the AEC. After some discussion of this matter, the Chairman suggested that the invitation be accepted, but that it should be pointed out that the presence of the invitees might be required elsewhere at the time of the conference.

At this point General Fields re-entered the meeting.

9. GAC Recommendation on Bad Weather Shot

The General Manager referred to Meeting 977, when the Commissioners had discussed with Dr. Rabi the question of the GAC's position concerning the desirability of a test detonation under unfavorable weather conditions. He said that apparently no formal recommendation on this subject had been communicated by the committee. The Chairman requested that the Committee be asked to state formally their position on this matter.

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10. Reorganization of New York Operations Office

The General Manager said that the reorganization of the New York Operations Office and the transfer of several of its functions to other offices would become effective on July 1, 1954. It was estimated that approximately 100 positions would be eliminated by this move. The Chairman requested that Senator Byrd and the Chairmen of the Joint Committee and of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees be informed to this effect.

11. Issuance of Statement Concerning Treatment of Japanese Fishermen

The General Manager said that cables had been received which indicated that the Japanese physicians who had been attending the fishermen injured in the recent fall-out incident might issue a statement to the effect that United States medical and technical officials had refused to offer significant assistance. The Chairman said that he would discuss with the Under Secretary of State the desirability of issuing an early statement concerning Japanese non-cooperation with the American officials who have offered their services.

12. AEC's Position Concerning Payment of Local Taxes

The General Manager reported that questions had been raised by members of Congress concerning the AEC's position on the question of payment of taxes to state and local authorities. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Isenbergh discuss this matter with the General Counsel of the Joint Committee to insure that the AEC's position is clearly understood and that information on this matter is available to members of Congress who may desire it.

13. Selection of Construction Contractors for PWR Project

The General Manager reported that the firm of Stone and Webster had been selected by Westinghouse and approved by the General Manager as the architect-engineer for the reactor section of the PWR facility. This decision had been made on the company's own initiative. Further, it is believed that the required construction can be done on a competitive basis, with Westinghouse having over-all responsibility for the reactor section. It was understood that the Duquesne Company would contract for the construction of the power plant section of the facility.

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