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Present

Lewis L. Strauss
Thomas E. Murray
W. F. Libby

K. E. Fields
Edward Diamond

W. B. McCool
John H/ Stumpf

Also Present

A. Tammaro
 David F. Shaw
 Comdr. Lewis H. Roddis
 E. J. Bloch
 Morse Salisbury
 Frank J. McCarthy
 R. L. Faulkner
 John A. Derry
 Edward Gardner
 Ross Shearer
 J. A. Waters
 Marvin M. Mann
 H. L. Price
 John Mackenzie, Jr.

William Gorvine
 Richard G. Hewlett
 Col. Alfred D. Starbird
 Col. Irving J. Harrell
 Col. Carey L. O'Bryan
 Lt. Col. George C. Darby
 Dr. Charles W. Shilling
 Howard C. Brown
 D. W. Worf
 E. L. Green
 Paul C. Fine
 Comdr. John W. Crawford
 Manuel Dupkin
 Richard V. Willit

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response to a question by the Chairman, he confirmed that the FBI had declined to assign a representative to participate in these discussions. The Commissioners indicated that they felt that FBI participation in the discussions would be highly desirable. The Chairman said that he would ask Mr. Hoover to reconsider this decision.

h. Finance

Mr. McCarthy said that the FY 1957 budget estimates would be ready for Commission review during the week of September 19. He added that it seemed probable that the total of new obligations requests would not exceed the \$1,950,000,000 ceiling set by the Bureau of the Budget.

i. Information Services

Mr. Salisbury observed that a recent statement by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Medical Services might give rise to a series of new comments on the death of the Japanese fisherman after Operation CASTLE. The Chairman asked that Admiral Foster confirm whether the OCB had approved this statement.

Mr. Strauss and Mr. Libby complimented the Information Services Personnel for their services at the Geneva Conference.

j. Inspection

Mr. Mann reported on the status of the Pennsylvania State and North Carolina State reactors. With regard to the Canadian NRX reactor, Mr. Libby said he understood that the Canadians intend to continue the experimental use of plutonium fuel elements. Mr. Fields said that the export of a number of partially encircled fuel elements for the reactor had been approved. (See AEC 852/6, subsequently circulated.)

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The Commissioners briefly discussed the effects of the announcement of the \$28 per pound price for heavy water by the U. S. at Geneva.

At this point, Mr. Bloch left the meeting.

b. Military Application

Colonel Starbird reviewed highlights of the weapons development program and discussed with the Commissioners slippages in the production schedules of several weapons. Means of correcting this situation were discussed.

With regard to Operation REDWING, Colonel Starbird said that a letter to inform the President of preliminary plans for the Operation was being prepared. (See AEC 787/3, subsequently circulated.)

4. Weapons Effects Handbook*
5. Transfer of Thermonuclear Weapons to the DOD*
6. Geneva Technical Discussions*

W. B. McCool
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: November 2, 1955

*Separate minutes for this part of the meeting have been circulated.