

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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MEETING 1369

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 1958, Room A-410
Germantown, Maryland

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Present

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

K. E. Fields
Edwin Ferguson

Harold D. Anamosa

Also Present

Paul C. Aebersold
James E. Ammons
E. J. Bloch
John H. Burchard
Don S. Burrows
W. Kenneth Davis
John A. Derry
Spofford English
Paul C. Fine
Paul F. Gaughran
Douglas E. George
John A. Hall
Christopher L. Henderson
Joshua Z. Holland

Milton E. Jenkins
Julian J. Joyce
George M. Kavanagh
M. M. Mann
Charles L. Marshall
Eber R. Price
Alice Rouzie
Gerald Rudd
Donald C. Ruschaupt
Morse Salisbury
Oscar S. Smith
Brig. Gen. A.D. Starbird
Forrest Western
Robert W. Zehring

1. Demonstrators of Committee for Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons

Mr. Strauss reported briefly on a telephone call earlier in the day from Mr. Theodore Olson, a representative of the Committee for Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons. Mr. Olson had stated that the demonstrators in the main lobby of the AEC Headquarters at Germantown, Maryland, would remain there until they had an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners. In response to a question by the Chairman, Mr. Ferguson said the Chairman was under no legal obligation to accept further telephone calls from the Committee representatives.

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In response to a question by Mr. Floberg, Mr. Bloch explained the methods of storing materials at Savannah River.

At this point, Mr. Bloch left the Meeting, and General Starbird entered the Meeting.

c. Military Application

General Starbird reviewed the Monthly Report of the Division of Military Application.

With reference to the weapons stockpile report, General Starbird said some Commissioners had indicated that they preferred to have this report presented to them individually rather than at a Commission meeting. The Commissioners agreed that subsequent weapons stockpile reports would be presented to them individually after discussion of the General Manager's Monthly Report at a Commission meeting.

(1) Operation HARDTACK

General Starbird reported briefly on the progress of Operation HARDTACK and the delays caused by weather conditions. He remarked that a staff paper would be circulated to the Commission at an early date presenting the details of the demonstration shot in Operation HARDTACK. He added that the morale of the Task Force was high and that the shot schedule may be accelerated. He added that construction work had started on Johnston Island and that the shot there might take place by August 1.

(2) Congressman Porter's Visit at Operation HARDTACK

In response to a question by the General Manager, General Starbird reported on Congressman Charles Porter's recent visit to the Eniwetok Proving Ground. He said Task Force personnel had had lengthy discussions with Congressman Porter who was, he believed, now fully aware of the Commission's position on nuclear weapons testing. General Starbird added, however, that he did not believe Congressman Porter's opposition to these tests would be changed and that he had not witnessed a shot while in the Pacific.