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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING No. 1334

3:30 p. m., Wednesday, February 12, 1958, Room A-410  
Germantown, Maryland

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Present

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

K. E. Fields  
Edward Diamond

W. B. McCool

Also Present

James E. Ammons  
John M. Bodley  
Everett P. Holles  
George M. Kavanagh  
John L. McGruder  
Robert W. Zehring  
William V. Vitale

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1. Items of Information

a. Chairman's Meeting with Deputy Secretary of Defense Regarding ANP Program

Mr. Strauss reported on his discussion with Mr. Donald Quarles, Deputy Secretary of Defense on February 11, 1958, regarding the future of the ANP Program and said Mr. Quarles would discuss this matter with the President on February 12.

b. Discussion with DOD of Weapons Accidents  
(See minutes of Meeting 1332)

Mr. Strauss reported that he had discussed with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense the

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appropriations for the proposed civilian power program and suggested that these figures be reviewed and revised, if necessary, on the basis of the discussion at the meeting.

The Commissioners then agreed to resume consideration of AEC 939/27 later in the meeting.

At this point, all members of the staff except Messrs. McCool, Diamond, and Ammons left the meeting.

3. HARDTACK Observer Plan

Mr. Strauss reported on a letter being prepared by the Deputy Secretary of Defense to the AEC regarding space allotments for AEC and DOD observers at HARDTACK. Mr. Strauss said he had requested General Starbird to discuss with the appropriate DOD representatives these proposed allotments. (See AEC 952/30, subsequently circulated.)

4. HARDTACK Open Shot

Mr. Floberg commented on a recent press announcement on the proposed plans for HARDTACK and questioned why the shot to be open to U. N. observers had not been referred to in the release.

Mr. Strauss explained that the details regarding the observers at the open shot had not been resolved and that this shot had been deleted from the test. He added that he had discussed this matter with the President and that he had agreed to the deletion of the shot.

Mr. Strauss added that in a recent discussion with Mr. Morse Salisbury, Dr. Mark Mills had expressed his opinion that the open shot could be conducted without compromising classified information. Mr. Strauss said he had requested General Starbird to discuss this matter with Dr. Mills.

5. AEC 939/27 - Draft Memorandum for Discussion with the Director, Bureau of the Budget (continued)

The Commissioners resumed consideration of AEC 939/27.

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Congress of Section 55 should be deferred at this time in order not to jeopardize Congressional action on the remaining amendments, he would speak to the President about this matter.

Mr. Vance said he agreed with Senator Pastore's position that all the amendments should be considered together and said there should be joint agreement of the AEC and DOD on the proposed amendments. Mr. Strauss expressed agreement with Mr. Vance's statement but after discussion of this matter, the Commissioners indicated they had no objection to the Chairman's proposal to discuss with the President the deferral of Section 55 from the proposed legislation in order to permit further AEC and DOD discussion of an amendment to this section.

7. Plans for Committee for Non-Violent Action Regarding Pacific Tests

Mr. Strauss commented on recent reports regarding plans of Mr. Lawrence Scott and the Committee for Non-Violent Action with respect to forthcoming tests in the Pacific.

W. B. McCool  
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: Meeting 1385, June 25, 1958