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TO : K. E. Fields, General Manager

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DATE: October 5, 1955

FROM : W. B. McCool, Secretary

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SUBJECT: RECAP OF MEETING 1135 - 2:15 p.m., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1955

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW

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Commission Actions

1ST REVIEWER-DATE <i>6/1/94</i>	DETERMINATION [CIRCLE NUMBER(S)]
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- Approval of Minutes - Approved Minutes of Meetings, 1088, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098 and of the 99th AEC-MLC Conference without change. Minutes of Meeting 1099 approved as revised.
- AEC 804/3 - Reactor Hazards Evaluation Staff - Approved with the understanding that the Reactor Safeguard Committee is to be administratively independent. (Kelehan)
- AEC 729/35 - Proposed Award of Certificates of Appreciation
Approved. (Kelehan)
- AEC 787/3 - Pacific Proving Ground Test Activities for Calendar Year 1956
Approved with revisions: letters to the President and the Joint Committee are to be held; the letter to the President is to be revised; staff liaison with OCB and the State Department is to be effected. (Starbird)
- MVGC Contract - Mr Mitchell was directed to inform MVGC that we would suspend negotiations and that we would like to have their views on the question of conflict of interests. He is to prepare his opinion on the validity of the contract as soon as possible. The Joint Committee is to be informed by letter of the status of Commission action. (Mitchell)

Other Business

- Invitation to Visit Los Alamos - Mr. Strauss read Dr. Bradbury's letter inviting the Commissioners to visit Los Alamos when the University of California Regents are there. None of the Commissioners present will be able to go.
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- Letter from Dr. Bhabha - Mr. Strauss read a letter from Dr. Bhabha concerning his visit later this month. He said that Mr. Bennett of AECL knew nothing of a plan to give an NRX to India.
- Letter from Mr. McCune - Mr. Strauss said that Mr. McCune had written to express regret at the manner in which his statements at the AIF meeting had been misinterpreted by the press.
- Meeting with Chancellor Kimpton - Mr. Libby said that he and Mr. Strauss would meet with Chancellor Kimpton to discuss developments concerning the Midwest accelerator. Mr. Strauss suggested that Mr. Libby discuss the matter with Dr. Zinn before this meeting.

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5. AEC 226/58 and AEC 226/59 - Position Papers on Disarmament - The Commissioners should give Mr. von Neumann by Friday their comments on the Stassen papers.

6. Transfer Arrangements - You called the attention of the Commission to Mr. Wilson's letter in AEC 867/1. You were requested to obtain from the MLC any information the DOD may have on this subject that is not already available to the Commission. It was suggested that a briefing might be desirable.

Referred to Starbird 10/6

7. Military Requirements - You reported that studies are being conducted of means of increasing plutonium production, if necessary to meet new military requirements. The Commissioners commented on the importance of this development for the nuclear power program. Mr. Libby suggested that perhaps Project MICE should be emphasized.

8. Organization of Division of International Affairs - You announced your proposed appointment of the Division Director and said that within 30 days he would submit a paper to the Commission on the functions of the Division.

9. AEC 303/5 - Survey of the Combined Development Agency - It was agreed that this paper would be deferred.

10. Adequacy of Belgian Security Procedures - Mr. Waters confirmed that interim security procedures now in effect and regular procedures shortly to go into effect are comparable with those of the AEC. The Commissioners requested that our report on the discussions in Belgium be made available to the FBI. (Waters)

11. Visits by Foreign Representatives - Mr. Hall reported on forthcoming visits from representatives of Belgium, France, U.K., Canada, Spain and India. Matters related to these visits were discussed.

12. Fernald Strike - As the meeting ended Mr. Libby asked for a report on the possibility that the strike may have resulted from Communist influence. (Waters)

13. Next Commission Meeting - The Commissioners agreed to meet at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 7, to consider the remaining papers on the agenda.

Item of Information

Settlement of ACF Strike

→ You may wish to inform the Joint Committee of this item.

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Bill Stapley, Secretary,
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