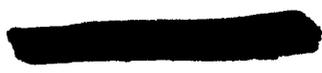


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10:00 a.m., Friday, April 30, 1954

Present

Also Present

Lewis L. Strauss
Henry D. Smyth
Thomas E. Murray
Eugene M. Zuckert

Harold L. Price
Shelby Thompson
Edwin E. Ferguson
Comdr. James M. Dunford
Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields
E. R. Trapnell
John Mackenzie, Jr.
Don S. Burrows
Francis J. McCarthy
J. Robert Barlow
Comdr. Charles E. Nelson

K. D. Nichols
William Mitchell

Roy B. Snapp
W. B. McCool

1. AEC 495/19 - Analysis of JCAE Proposed Bill to Amend the Atomic Energy Act

Mr. Price opened the discussion by saying that AEC 495/19 was a review of the major problems in the draft bill from the standpoint of the Commission. Discussions had been held with the Joint Committee staff to determine the purpose of the closed hearings on Monday, May 3, and he had been assured that the Committee wanted to discuss such matters as the international relations portions of the bill, various sections on proposed administrative changes and other subjects which appropriately should be discussed in closed sessions. Open hearings on the peacetime uses of atomic energy were scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 5.

Mr. Price also referred to Monday's discussions with the Budget, State and Defense staffs at which time he had indicated that to the extent

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A second question involved possible AEC participation in a government-sponsored expedition by Japanese scientists, accompanied by reporters, to areas adjacent to the proving grounds. This suggestion had been approved by the State Department. The Director of Biology and Medicine had suggested, however, that it would be sufficient for AEC personnel to meet and confer with the Japanese technicians at Wake Island or some other convenient location.

The Commissioners discussed at length the question of the role of the AEC in this expedition. The Chairman suggested that the views of CIA on this question be requested and that the Commission meet early in the following week with the Director of Biology and Medicine to discuss the question further.

At this point General Fields entered the meeting.

13. Timing of Announcement on Conclusion of Test Operations

The Commission discussed a suggestion by General Fields that the announcement concerning the termination of the test operations be issued immediately upon the firing of the final shot. This question was considered in relation to a petition which has been presented to the United Nations on behalf of the residents of the Marshall Islands, requesting that the test operations be terminated under certain circumstances.

After discussion, the Commission:

Agreed that there was no objection to the issuance of a release on the termination of the test operations immediately after the final detonation.

The Chairman requested General Fields to inform Ambassador Lodge if the final detonation does not occur by morning on Sunday, May 15.

At this point General Fields, Commander Dunford, and Messrs. Mackenzie, Teeple, and Stumpf left the meeting and the Commission went into Executive Session.

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