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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMISSIONER MURRAY

Subject: COMMISSION BUSINESS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 23 THROUGH MAY 29, 1956

There follows a brief summary of Commission decisions and other business during the period May 23 through May 29, 1956.

Meeting with Drs. Teller, Tuck and Spitzer on the Classification of Project SHERWOOD - May 23, 1956 - (Commissioners Strauss, Libby and Vance attended.)

This meeting is covered by a memorandum to the Commissioners from Mr. McCool dated May 29, 1956.

Meetings 1201 and 1202 - May 24, 1956 at 9:30 a.m., and 2:45 p.m. - (Commissioners Strauss, Libby and Vance attended.)

Commission Decisions

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1. AEC 781/35 - Request for Release of Atomic Information to the U.K. and Canada - Approved. This paper concerns the "Fleet Air Defense Study".
2. AEC 781/36 - Request for Release of Atomic Information to the U. K. - Approved, as revised. This paper concerns information on weapons safety tests.

Mr. Libby asked to be kept informed of the staff's views on the transmissibility of thermonuclear weapons information. He also asked to be provided copies of all documents which are proposed for transmittal.

3. AEC 781/37 Proposed Amendment to the U. K. Agreement for Cooperation - Approved. This consolidates into one amendment, provisions for the exchange of materials and of information on military reactors, as well as a disclaimer article.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW

1. DETERMINATION (CIRCLE NUMBER(S))
 1. CLASSIFICATION RETAINED
 2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO
 3. UNCLASSIFIED
 4. UNCLASSIFIED WITH
 5. DATE AND AUTHORITY
 6. CLASSIFIED INFO BRACKETED

1ST REVIEWER DATE: 6/14/84

AUTHORITY: 48 CFR 1.101

NAME: M. L. Keenan

2ND REVIEWER DATE: 6/22/84

AUTHORITY: ADD

NAME: KJA

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- 4. Agreement for Cooperation with the Dominican Republic - Approved, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory staff paper.
- 5. AEC 827/17 - Proposed Meeting of MURA Presidents and the Commission - Discussed. The Commissioners agreed on several points to be made during the meeting with the MURA Presidents. (Notes on the May 25 MURA Presidents Meeting will be circulated.) Mr. Strauss pointed out the advantage, from an international relations standpoint, of rapid completion of the technical review, and early announcement of our intentions.

Other Business

- 1. Meeting with Senator Pastore - Mr. Libby suggested that a meeting be arranged with Senator Pastore to discuss several points relative to power reactor agreements for cooperation.
- 2. AEC 476/10 Assistance to West Germany - Mr. Strauss asked that recommendations be submitted in the light of the exchange of correspondence with Ambassador Conant.

Items of Information

- 1. Conversations with the BOB resulted in approval of a supplemental request for \$112,500,000 and indication of BOB approval of the extension of the domestic ore procurement program to 1966.
- 2. Report of the strikes at the ACF Plant in Buffalo, N. Y., Hanford, Portsmouth and Paducah. The ACF strike was settled on May 25, 1956.
- 3. Mr. Strauss will meet with delegations from Minnesota and Wisconsin on June 7, 1956.

Meeting 1203 May 29, 1956 at 9:30 a.m. - (Commissioners Strauss, Libby and Vance attended.)

Commission Decisions

- 1. AEC 801/17 - Provisions Relating to Control and Safeguards to be Included in Future Agreements for Cooperation - Approved, as revised. AEC 801/15 was discussed at length at Meeting 1201 on May 24, 1956 and the Commission had requested revision of certain sections.

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Meeting 1203 (continued)

Mr. Strauss requested that U. S. delegates to the September Conference on IAEA be instructed to emphasize the AEC's position that observance of health and safety standards should be required by the statute.

- 2. AEC 845/4 - Draft Bilateral Agreement Between the U. S. and France - Approved, as revised. This paper was also discussed during Meeting 1201 on May 24, 1956 and was deferred until reconsideration of 801/15 (now AEC 801/17).

Mr. Hall said he would discuss with Senator Pastore the advisability of attaching a classified annex on fuel enrichment to future classified, power reactor agreements.

Mr. Libby requested that consideration be given to including in future agreements a provision for transfer of highly enriched uranium for engineering test reactors. He specifically mentioned the need for this provision in the Australian Agreement.

Mr. Strauss requested that the staff raise the question with the JCAE whether they will consider an amendment to the Act concerning publication of bilateral agreements.

- 3. AEC 734/10 - Cooperation with the (Wright) Commission on Government Security - Approved.

Mr. Strauss requested that any files to be provided the Wright Commission be submitted for his review first. Mr. Libby asked to see the Condon file before it is provided the group.

Other Business

- 1. Draft Agreements with Switzerland, Australia and the Netherlands - Mr. Hall said these would be ready for consideration next week.
- 2. Hearings on the "Peace Ship"

Mr. Strauss reported on his discussion with the President about these hearings and explained the position he had informed the President AEC representatives would take in testifying on the "Peace Ship". He requested that Admiral Rickover be informed of this position.

Mr. Strauss said he would speak to Senator Magnuson on June 4 about the letter restricting AEC testimony before his Committee.

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Meeting 1203 (continued)

3. Missions to Latin America

Mr. Strauss said the President had requested, for reference during his Panama visit, preparation of a brief regarding AEC missions to Latin America to discuss the development of atomic power.

4. Public Announcement of Tests at REDWING

Mr. Strauss will speak to Secretary of Defense concerning the question of routinely announcing future shots.

5. Analysis of Kurchatov Statement re: Soviet Nuclear Power Program

Mr. Reichardt's analysis was discussed.

6. Additional Shot at REDWING

The General Manager said a study was being made of the feasibility of a high altitude shot.

7. Presidential Citation for Livermore

After the tests at REDWING are completed and analyzed, a Presidential citation for Livermore will be considered.

8. Joint Director for ANL-MURA Project

Mr. Vance reported on his discussion with the MURA representatives concerning a joint director and said he would write the MURA Chairman about this matter.

9. Special Intelligence Report

Mr. Reichardt will brief you concerning National Intelligence estimates of Soviet capabilities.

10. Organization Matters

The Commissioners had no objection to the General Manager's plans to appoint Mr. Foster as an Assistant General Manager and assigning Mr. Gardner to his office. Certain functions of the Division of International Affairs are to be handled by Mr. Foster's office.

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Meeting 1203 (continued)

Items of Information

- 1. The declassification of SHERWOOD is to be considered next week.
- 2. Budget Hearings are to begin on June 6.

Meeting 1204 - 2:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, 1956 (Commissioners Strauss, Libby and Vance attended.)

Commission Decisions

- 1. AEC 892/2 - Preliminary Budget Estimates for FY 1958 - Approved, as revised.

Mr. Strauss reported that the supplemental budget for FY 1957 had been sent to Congress

Mr. Libby requested information on an accelerator proposal by ORINS.

Mr. Libby suggested that a national policy on high energy accelerators be discussed with the GAC during their meeting in September.

- 2. AEC 883/5 - Amendments of the Atomic Energy Act Proposed by the DOD - Approved.
- 3. AEC 871/3 - Plutonium Beryllium Neutron Sources for Sub-Critical Assemblies Used by Institutions - Approved.
- 4. AEC 111/55 - Security of Intelligence Agencies - Deferred.

Mr. Strauss expressed concern about possible leaks of allied weapons programs information which is obtained through CIA sources.

W. B. McCool
Secretary

cc: General Manager

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