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Brig. Gen. Alfred D. Starbird, Director
Division of Military Application

W. B. McCool, Secretary 408874

COMMISSION DECISION ON AEC 952/15 - FILM REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION HARDTACK

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1. This will confirm our telephone notification on October 24, that at Meeting 1309 on October 23, the Commission:

a. Approved the production of a minimal amount of classified and potentially declassifiable archival-historical film footages and still photographs for Operation HARDTACK as described in paragraph 5 of AEC 952/15;

b. Noted that "Quickie" films will not be produced for Operation HARDTACK;

c. Noted that neither JTF-7 nor the AEC will produce an over-all classified documentary motion picture film on Operation HARDTACK;

d. Noted that DMA will brief the Commission as soon after each shot as possible, either by verbal report or Test Bulletins, as is currently being done for Operation PLUMBBOB;

e. Noted that the archival-historical film project is entirely separate from technical photography, i.e., diagnostic or record photography necessary to the conduct of a technical program or project. Such technical photography will be considered a part of the test project concerned;

f. Noted that the responsibility for coordination and preparation of the archival-historical film footage will be borne by the Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN, who will insure that the AEC programs are covered;

g. Noted that all monies for the production of the archival-historical film footage (not to exceed \$20,000) will be transferred from the AEC to the Task Force Commander. The total cost of the necessary film footage has been informally estimated to be \$16,300;

h. Noted that the Commander, JTF-7 will be notified of AEC film requirements for HARDTACK by letter such as Appendix "B" to AEC 952/15, as revised;

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1. Noted that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy will be notified of the existence of the archival-historical footage in lieu of a Task Force Commander's Report Film by letter such as Appendix "C" to AEC 952/15, as revised; and

j. Noted that AEC 952/15 is unclassified.

2. This will also confirm that your office will prepare the letters to the JCAE and JTF-7.

3. Copies of pertinent correspondence should be provided this office.

- cc: General Manager
- General Counsel
- Asst. Gen. Mgr.
- Director, Biology & Medicine
- Director, Information Services
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