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STATUS OF DECISIONS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

AEC Paper or Series: AEC 483/9

Subject: OPERATION IVY

Responsible Division or Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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- 12 August '52 AEC 483/9 circulated for Commission discussion and action a report of Panel "L" Psychological Strategy Board, analyzing problems which will arise in connection with public reporting on Operation Ivy.
- 12 August AEC 483/10 circulated for consideration by the Commission a draft memorandum on approval for Operation Ivy to the Special Committee of the National Security Council for Atomic Energy.
- 13 August At Meeting 733, after discussion, the Commission:
  - a. Noted that the Commission representative to Panel "L" would report to the panel the revisions of the draft report as suggested at the meeting;
  - b. Approved the draft report of Panel "L", subject to a above.
- 13 August At Meeting 733, after discussion, the Commission:
  - a. Noted that the draft memorandum attached to AEC 483/10 would be revised in accordance with discussion at the meeting;
  - b. Approved the draft memorandum subject to a above.
- 14 August Letter to R. Gordon Arneson in accordance with Commission action at Meeting 733.
- 15 August Memorandum to the NSC Special Committee in accordance with Commission action at Meeting 733.
- 18 August AEC 483/11 circulated for consideration by the Commission a report by the Director of Military Application concerning designation of CJTF-132, as special Commission representative during the overseas operational phase of Ivy. The report recommended that the Commission:
  - a. Approve the delegation of authority to General Clarkson to act for the Commission in matters which affect the successful execution of his Operation Plan 2-52 for Ivy;
  - b. Note that a letter such as that in Appendix "A" will be dispatched to the CJTF-132 requesting him to accept the designation as special Commission representative at the Pacific Proving Grounds effective August 21, 1952, and outlining his authority and responsibility;

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c. Note that the Manager, SFOO, will be informed of this action by letter such as that in Appendix "E", and will be authorized to transfer atomic devices and components to the CJTF-132;

d. Note that this delegation of authority to CJTF-132 will be terminated at the end of the overseer's operational period on Ivy

e. Note that the Commission recognizes the full responsibility of the CJTF-132 for decisions requiring disposal and destruction of atomic devices or components;

f. Note that the JCAB will be advised of this action by appropriate letter.

- 15 August At Meeting 736, after discussion the Commission approved the recommendation of AEC 483/11.
- 20 August Letter to General Clarkson in accordance with Item b of AEC 483
- 20 August Memorandum to Manager, SFOO, in accordance with Item g of AEC 4
- 21 August Letter to the JCAB in accordance with Item f of AEC 483/11.
- 9 Sept. Public announcement of tests to be held at Eniwetok.
- 13 Sept. AEC 483/18 and AEC 483/19 circulated for the information of the Commission a report by the Director of Information Services on status of recommendations of Panel "L" of the PSB.
- 20 Sept. AEC 483/20 circulated for consideration by the Commission a report by the Director of Information Services concerning appropriate action to be taken on the NSC memorandum, "Psychological Exploitation of Certain Thermonuclear Developments." The report recommended that the Commission:
- a. Approve placement of public information on Ivy in accordance with the NSC Directive of September 17th;
- b. Note that the General Manager will instruct the staff to take effect in a communication such as that in Appendix "C";
- c. Note that copies of the communication to the staff and of the letter to the JCAB will be provided to the NSC as notification
- 15 Oct.. AEC 483/23 circulated for the information of the Commission copies of the necessary instructional and information notices as set forth in AEC 483/20. (Note: Impossibility of the Commission to consider AEC 483/20 during the week of September 22nd. The Chairman endorsed sending forth of such notices by the General Manager, the Director of Military Application and the Director of Information Services.)
- 21 Oct. Memorandum from the Acting Executive Secretary, NSC, recommending Commission approval, for submission to the President, the decision of the PSB on the subject. (AEC 483/25) Approved by R.D. Sartorius
- 23 Oct. At Meeting 770 the Commission agreed that the U. K. and Canada should be advised that the Ivy Test is planned for the early part of November.
- 23 Oct. Memorandum to Department of State indicating Commission concurrence in the proposal that the U.K. and Canada could be informed of the forthcoming test in November.

- 12 Nov. Memorandum for President indicating approval for test on September 10, 1952 as to come from Commission in letter to NSC on August 11, 1952.
- 17 Nov. Letter from the CJTF-102 outlining proposals for relinquishing AEC authority. (AEC 403/6)
- 3 Dec. Letter from Executive Secretary, NSC, requesting Commission consideration of attached letter from Acting Adm. NSDA, concerning proposed statement on effect of thermonuclear weapons research on civil defense planning. (AEC 403/39)
- 20 Dec. Letter to Acting Administrator, NSDA, indicating that it is belief that any statement concerning the thermonuclear test should be made at higher level. (AEC 403/11)

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