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AEC 787/24 - Joint AEC-DOD Information Plan for Operation
REDWING (pp. 2-12)

Mr. Salisbury reviewed the proposed method to be used in handling information on the progress of Operation REDWING during the three or four months of tests.

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Mr. Salisbury pointed out that it would be necessary to consider the declassification of the approximate date of the first shot, before the issuance of the press release and the letter to the press.

After further discussion, the Commission:

a. Approved the AEC-DOD Joint Information Plan for Operation REDWING (attached as Appendix "B" to AEC 787/24);

b. Authorized the establishment of a Joint Test Information Office as provided for in the Information plan;

c. Noted that the Joint Test Information Office will prepare, as deemed necessary by the Commission and the Department of Defense, announcements that a shot has taken place on a certain date, at any time subsequent to the detonation;

d. Noted that when announcements of detonations are issued, the yield will be stated in terms of "kiloton range" or "megaton range";

e. Noted that if all detonations were to be announced, the revelation of the total number will require declassification from Confidential, Defense Information;

f. Noted that the Plan provides for subsequent addition of special information projects which may include an uncleared observer program;

g. Noted that the plan includes provision for reporting fall-out, including readings in the U.S. if necessary;

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h. Noted that in view of possible international repercussions of such nature as to affect the national interest, a flexible procedure is established to take additional informational actions as deemed necessary;

1. Noted that official background material and reporting of spot news is to be prepared to respond to the extent possible to the expected requests from U.S. media and as a means for having material available if necessary, to combat unfavorable reaction abroad;

j. Noted that the Joint Information Plan for Operation REDWING is before the Department of Defense for approval; and

k. Noted that a letter notifying the JCAE of the Information Plan will be transmitted after coordination of the plan with other Executive Agencies.

The Commission, also:

Determined that the approximate date of the first shot of Operation REDWING may be published without constituting an undue risk to the common defense and security.

Mr. Strauss referred to the lack of press interest in the recent North American Aviation and General Electric press releases regarding their foreign contracts, and suggested that consideration be given to means of publicly emphasizing these contracts. Mr. Libby asked that companies be requested to routinely furnish AEC with copies of public statements concerning their atomic energy activities. Mr. Strauss observed that this would be a means of keeping the President informed of progress under research reactor bilateral agreement.

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