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FOLDER MRA 7 - Redwing

DECISION ON AEC 787/12

UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTARY MOTION  
PICTURE ON WEAPONS TESTS

Note by the Secretary

At Meeting 1167 on January 25, 1956, the Commission:

a. Approved the FCDA request that AEC take the necessary steps to assure that Operation REDWING film footage, useful to FCDA for a publicly releasable motion picture on the detonation and effects of a multimegaton nuclear weapon, is obtained, at no expense to FCDA, as part of record photography previously approved by the Commission in AEC 787/7;

b. Noted that FCDA does not desire to release a declassified version of the Task Force Commander's classified motion picture report, as was done for "IVY", but rather a separate motion picture;

c. Noted that FCDA believes it desirable to base its motion picture primarily on shot CHEROKEE, but that if CHEROKEE footage cannot be declassified, FCDA could make use of other declassifiable REDWING footage;

d. Noted that declassification of REDWING and other Pacific film footage will begin during the series or as soon thereafter as practicable;

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e. Noted that staff believes the approximate yield of a REDWING multimegaton shot (not identifiable with a particular shot) is declassifiable and will proceed in consultation with the Department of Defense to obtain their concurrence on such declassification if the Commission concurs in recommendation that footage useful to FCDA in making a publicly releaseable film be made as part of the record photography program.

f. Noted that FCDA intends to pay for the final motion picture and to submit script, edited footage and animation to AEC and DOD in advance for review;

g. Noted that a letter substantially in the form as attached as Appendix "B" to AEC 354/5 will be sent to FCDA.

W. B. McCOOL

Secretary