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September 7, 1954

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION - MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF NINETY-FIRST CONFERENCE

July 23, 1954

The Conference convened at 10:30 a.m., with the following persons present:

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Lewis L. Strauss
 Henry D. Smyth
 Thomas E. Murray
 Joseph Campbell

Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields
 Capt. William L. Guthrie
 Col. Vincent G. Huston
 James G. Beckerley
 R. L. Southwick
 Comdr. John W. Crawford
 John Mackenzie, Jr.

K. D. Nichols
 William Mitchell

Roy B. Snapp
 John H. Stumpf

MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Maj. Gen. Howard G. Bunker, USAF, MLC

Maj. Gen. Alvin R. Luedecke, USAF, AFSWP

Col. Orin S. Richardson, USAF, MLC Staff
 Col. Robert A. Olson, USAF, MLC Staff
 Col. Charles E. Carson, USAF, MLC Staff
 Lt. Col. H. L. Whitten, USA, MLC Staff
 Lt. Col. Morris L. Shoss, USA, MLC Staff
 Lt. Col. Clark J. Smith, USAF, MLC Staff

Capt. Courtney Shands, USN, Dept. of Navy
 Lt. Col. Mark H. Terrel, USA, Dept. of Army

Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, USA, Former Comdr., JTF-7
 Rear Adm. Charles B. Momsen, USN, Comdr., JTF-7
 Rear Adm. Robert Goldthwaite, USN, C/S, JTF-7
 Dr. Alvin C. Graves, Scientific Dir. JTF-7
 Brig. Gen. Edwin M. Day, USAF, Com. Gen.,
 Photographic and Chart Service
 Col. David O. Byars, Jr., USA, JTF-7
 Lt. Col. James L. Gaylord, USAF, C.O.,
 Lookout Mountain Laboratory
 Y/ICL Ethan Porter, USN, Projectionist

APPROVED
 DATE 7/24/54
 NAME: R. E. Bennett

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1. Showing of Operation CASTLE Film

Major General Clarkson, Commander of JTF-7 during Operation CASTLE was introduced by Mr. Strauss. After a few introductory remarks from General Clarkson the CASTLE film was shown.

"Following the showing of the film there was a short general discussion. Commissioner Murray inquired how widespread the dissemination would be of the information that tritium was no longer required." General Fields commented that it would have to be widely disseminated since all the assembly teams and handling people would know. The information would, of course, be classified.

Mr. Strauss commented on the necessity for JTF-7 to maintain a list of persons who see the CASTLE film,

General Nichols noted that by eliminating highly classified information a better job had been done on the film than on the IVY film.

Mr. Strauss noted that this was the last time that General Clarkson would be with the AEC-MLC group in an official capacity. He expressed the appreciation of the Commission and admiration for the manner in which the CASTLE operation was conducted and the results obtained and thanked General Clarkson and his colleagues.

Admiral Momsen, the new JTF-7 Commander, was introduced by Mr. Strauss. Admiral Momsen introduced his Chief of Staff, Admiral Goldthwaite and then commented that he was looking ahead to Operation REDWING. He also extended his congratulations to General Clarkson and Dr. Graves.

General Fields commented that current plans do not include any overseas operations in which AEC will be primarily engaged until 1956. He further noted that this situation was subject to change.

2. Remarks Concerning Resignation of Mr. LeBaron

It was noted that the Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee, Robert LeBaron, had been unable to attend the meeting

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since he was out of the city, and that this was the last joint meeting before Mr. LeBaron's resignation as Chairman of MLC becomes effective on August 1, 1954. Mr. Strauss and members commented on the valuable service rendered by Mr. LeBaron, following which the AEC Commissioners and MLC Members joined unanimously in passing a resolution of appreciation for Mr. LeBaron's outstanding contributions to the Atomic Energy program during the past five years. The secretaries were directed to record this action in the minutes.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth AEC-MLC Conferences were approved.

4. Date of Next Conference

August 26, 1954, was tentatively set as the date for the next conference.

ROY B. SNAPP
Secretary
Atomic Energy Commission

ORIN S. RICHARDSON
Colonel, USAF
Executive Secretary
Military Liaison Committee

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