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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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MEETING NO. 991

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 1954

Present

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

K. D. Nichols
William Mitchell

Roy B. Snapp
W. B. McCool

Also Present

T. H. Johnson
John Mackenzie, Jr.
Jesse C. Johnson
R. W. Cook
Harry S. Traynor
Col. J. J. Dishuck
L. R. Hafstad
A. Tammaro
Dr. Charles L. Dunham
John A. Derry
J. A. Waters
Ross Shearer

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1. Joint Committee Request for Information on Commission Meetings
(see AEC 734) (p. 5)

After discussion, the Commission concluded that the Joint Committee should be informed by letter that the Attorney General's views on furnishing the requested information were being obtained on an urgent basis and that in the meantime the information was being compiled.

2. Current Activities Reports

Listed Divisions reports on the status of their programs:

Raw Materials - J. Johnson - (p. 5)
Construction & Supply - J. Derry - (p. 9)

Mr. Smith reviewed at length the events of the past week in the unauthorized strike of a number of the trades engaged in construction at Oak Ridge. Various possible approaches to this problem were considered.

(At this point Mr. Smith left the meeting and Dr. Graves, General Clarkson, General Fields, Colonel Huston, Captain Guthrie, Colonel Cowart, Colonel Cowan and Mr. Leehey entered the meeting.)

6. Aspects of the CASTLE Test Operations (pp. 30-61)

General Clarkson and Dr. Graves reported on various matters of interest concerning the recent test operation. The subjects discussed included the following:

- a. Increased efficiency in executing test operations.
- b. Status and condition of island residents and Task Force personnel involved in fall-out incidents.
- c. Meteorological conditions during the operation.
- d. Success of various fall-out monitoring techniques.
- e. Problems arising from the possibility of a tidal wave.
- f. Plan for the further development of Eniwetok.
- g. Organizational questions.
- h. Petition to the U. N. by organization allegedly representing Marshall Island residents.
- i. Condition of the crew of the Fukuryu Maru.

(At this point Mr. Murray, Dr. Graves, General Clarkson, General Fields, Captain Guthrie, Colonel Cowart, Colonel Cowan, Commander Dunford, Dr. Bugher and Mr. Tammaro left the meeting.)