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COMMISSION DECISION ON AEC 952/19 - TEST ACTIVITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1958

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1. This is to confirm our telephone notification on November 7, 1957, that at Meeting 1313 on November 6, the Commission:

- a. Approved conducting Operation HARDTACK, a series of nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Ground, commencing on or about April 15, 1958;
- b. Approved the proposed test program in Appendix "B" to AEC 952/19;



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d. Noted that the test program as given in Appendix "B" to AEC 952/19 includes 3 contingent shots; prior to the firing of any of these devices the Commission will be informed of the decision to fire and the reasons for so proceeding;



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If the demonstration is not required this shot will be deleted from the test program. Recommendations concerning this shot are being circulated to the Commission concurrently as AEC 952/20;

f. Noted that the test schedule for Operation HARDTACK will be given to the Commission as soon as it is firm, and that the Commission will be kept informed of changes to the schedule;

g. Noted that Department of Defense comments on and support of the test operation will be requested by letter to the Military Liaison Committee such as that in Appendix "D" to AEC 952/19;

h. Noted that the Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN will be designated the Senior AEC Representative during the operational phase of Operation HARDTACK, as has been done during past operations at the Eniwetok Proving Ground;

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i. Noted that Presidential approval of the plans for Operation HARDTACK will be requested by letter such as that in Appendix "E" to AEC 952/19 as revised, after receiving the comments of the DOD. This letter also requests authorization to expend the nuclear materials required for the two one-point safety tests at NTS prior to the start of HARDTACK;

j. Noted that the requirements for expenditure of nuclear materials for the other HARDTACK tests will be presented to the Commission as soon as possible; and that Presidential authorization for expenditure of the nuclear materials required for the other HARDTACK tests will be requested after Commission approval of the amounts required;

k. Noted that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy will be informed of the test plans by appropriate letter after receiving Presidential approval of the test series;

l. Noted that the Federal Civil Defense Administration will be informed of the test plans by appropriate letter after receiving Presidential approval of the test series;

m. Noted that a Public Information Plan will be prepared and submitted for Commission approval at the earliest practicable date;

n. Noted that the Department of State and the Operations Coordinating Board will be informed of the test plans; and

o. Noted that the General Advisory Committee will be briefed on the HARDTACK program during their visit to Los Alamos on November 21-23, and their comments on the program will be transmitted to the Commission.

2. The General Manager has directed that you take the action necessary to implement this decision. Copies of pertinent correspondence should be provided this office.

3. This is also to confirm that the Commissioners requested that the letter to the President be revised to indicate that GAC comments are being solicited. A copy of this letter as dispatched should be provided this office.

4. We understand that your office is preparing the letters to the President and the MLC.

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