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COMMISSION DECISION ON AEC 952/11 - FALLOUT PROGRAM - HARDTACK

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1. This will confirm our telephone notification on August 23, 1957, that at Meeting 1301 on August 22, the Commission:

- a. Approved conducting a fallout program during Operation HARDTACK similar to that outlined in paragraph 7 of AEC 952/11;
- b. Approved, as a supplement to the program outlined in paragraph 7 of AEC 952/11, a substantial expansion of the SUNSHINE program to provide measurements of the amount of world-wide fallout resulting from Operation HARDTACK.

2. This will also confirm that during discussion of the fallout program for Operation HARDTACK, Mr. Libby requested that he be provided an estimate of the total offsite fallout expected from Operation HARDTACK.

3. In addition, Mr. Libby requested that an examination be made of the possibility of using either smaller or cleaner weapons for the rocket shots during Operation HARDTACK in order to reduce the amount of offsite fallout.

4. Mr. Strauss suggested as one of the goals of Operation HARDTACK that the amount of fission product contamination resulting from the test series be limited so that the peak of world-wide stratospheric radioactivity established by any previous U. S. test series will not be exceeded.

5. The General Manager has directed that you take the action necessary to implement this decision and these requests. Plans for expansion of the SUNSHINE program as requested above should be presented to the Commission for consideration at an early date.

- cc: Chairman Strauss
Commissioner Libby
General Manager
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