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no considered in a safe operation which would not endanger contractor personnel on the islands.

Mr. McCone asserted he would not agree to the request without certain precautionary measures to protect contractor personnel and AEC facilities at EPG. He pointed out the relative low cost of providing a vessel to remove all non-SAC personnel from the islands during the period affected by Operation Tic Tok. He further stated the advisability of conditioning approval of the request upon DOD assuming full responsibility for possible damage to AEC property in the area. Mr. Graham pointed out the conditions under which contractor personnel were hired for maintenance work at Eniwetok and stressed that the proposed exercise would expose them to an entirely different type of hazard. He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the urgency with which the Commission was requested to make a determination in this matter.

Mr. Williams said the statistics used to determine the accuracy of the missiles were based on an inadequate sampling of similar firings and he did not favor exposing unconcerned personnel to such risks.

Mr. Wilson suggested AEC contractor personnel at EPG be offered the opportunity to leave the area during the proposed exercise. However, he did not consider the danger sufficient to require their absence.

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The Commissioners discussed the varied public reaction which might arise in the absence of a public announcement of the exercise. They agreed caution should be used to prevent any suggestion of a nuclear weapons test.

The Chairman said it should be made abundantly clear the operations are being conducted by the Air Force and do not involve the AEC.

Following further discussion the Commission:

Approved the use of Eniwetok Proving Ground as a target area for a proposed SAC exercise only if the following conditions are met:

- (a) AEC contractor personnel must be evacuated by the Air Force or provided adequate shelter as protection against low altitude burst;
- (b) The DOD must assume full responsibility for possible damage to AEC facilities at Eniwetok;
- (c) The proposed exercise is announced by the DOD as an Air Force Project not involving the AEC.

Harold D. Anamosa
Acting Secretary

Approved by the Commission: Meeting 1629, June 15, 1960