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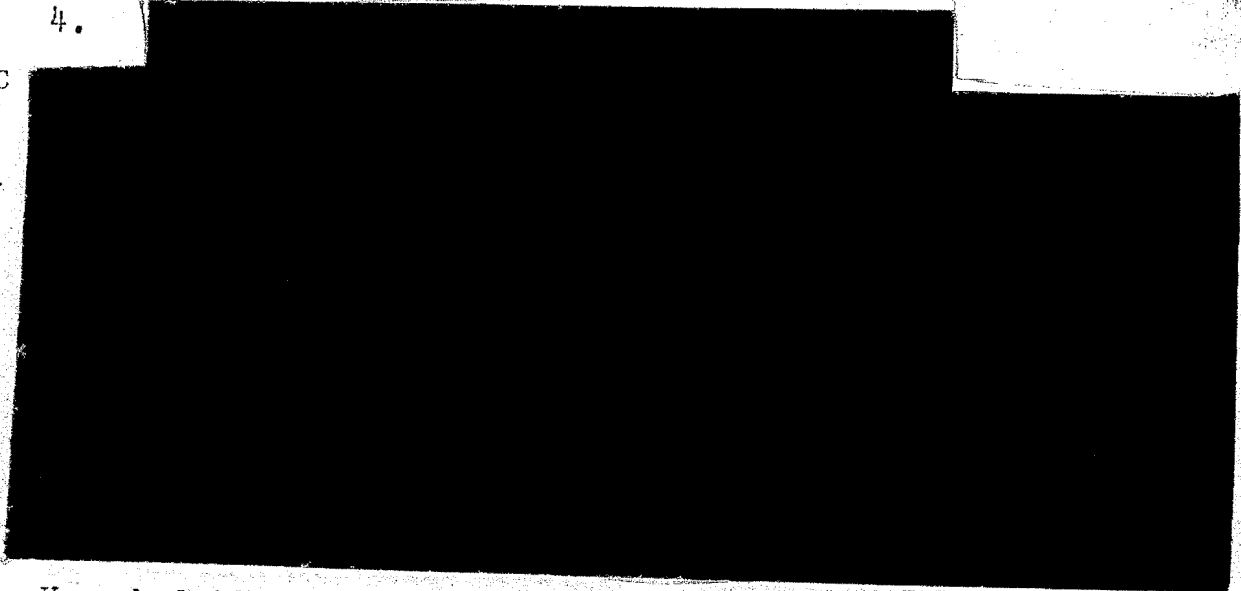
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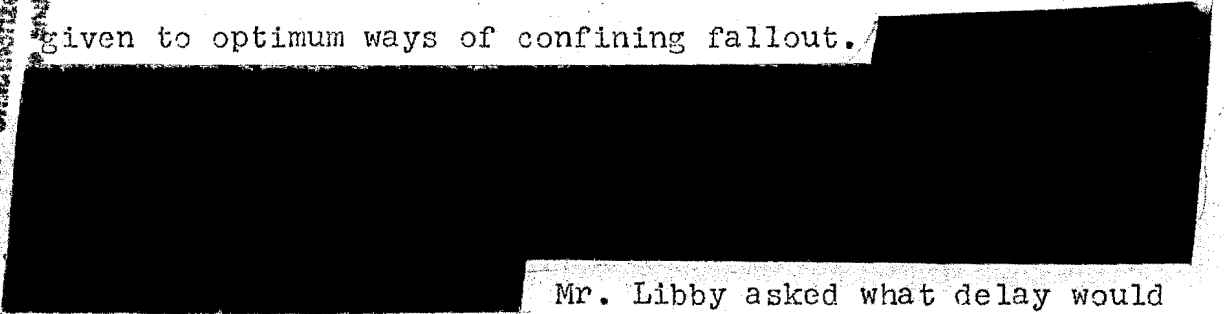
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He asked if it would be possible to detonate the device on a barge in shallow water in order to minimize long-range fallout by localizing it.

Mr. Strauss inquired whether any attention had been given to optimum ways of confining fallout.



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Mr. Libby asked what delay would be involved in setting up a barge shot over a reef in shallow water. Mr. York replied that information would have to be

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obtained on the amount of reinstrumentation involved but that he thought a delay of perhaps no longer than a week would be necessary if the shot were placed at Bikini.

Mr. Strauss commented that from a political standpoint and to help assure continuation of U.S. tests it would be of great help if the shot could be deferred to a subsequent operation. General Starbird said that although there had been insufficient time for a detailed study of reef location, he wished to point out there was the possibility of a tsunami if a reef were used. Mr. York commented that on the basis of past experience a site could be selected which would minimize the possibility of such an occurrence.

After further discussion, the Commission requested that a determination be made of the feasibility of firing the TEWA shot on land or in shallow water within the next week or ten days. The Commissioners also indicated that if further postponement were necessary, the question should be referred back to the Commission.

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