

15 November 1952

DELETED VERSION ONLY CONFERENCE MINUTES

1. A conference was held in the JTF 132 War Room 0830 14 November 1952 on the subject of possible tests for CASTLE. Present were:

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- Major General P. W. Clarkson
- Dr. Alvin C. Graves
- Brig. General K. D. Fields
- Brig. General A. R. Fair
- Jr. S. W. Furriss
- Major P. Eraker
- Brig. General W. W. Wise, Jr.
- Captain J. R. Pail, USN
- J. P. Spain
- Colonel F. Sackton
- Colonel W. Gervat
- Lt. Colonel R. Sturges

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2. General Fields stated that as many as five devices are being considered for test in Operation Castle and that it is therefore important to determine whether a shot in addition to the four proposed in letter, HED (letter not received to date), is feasible.

3. Those now under consideration are:

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- a. Case Test, HED with one, possibly on Runite
 - a. A possible fifth test, negaton region.
4. The following possibilities were discussed:
- a. One negaton device to be fired on Bikini.
 - b. One negaton device might be fired at King Island from a barge or platform and one on the reef.

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5. Dr. Graves is of the opinion that it would be necessary to evacuate all but a limited number of people during 4 and 5.

6. It was concluded that the feasibility of conducting such a series of five shots would be determined by the complexities and difficulties of the specific shot programs, that this could only be determined when more is known of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and Berkeley requirements in this regard. General Fields and Dr. Graves agreed to resolve this question as soon as possible and inform the Task Force. General Clarkson stated that the increased program could possibly be supported without appreciable augmentation of the Task Force, only extension in time of operations apparently being required. **BEST COPY AVAILABLE**

7. The question of the place in the organization of the Joint Task Force of Mr. P. Spain and his staff was discussed briefly. General Clarkson indicated that he had no objection to Mr. P. Spain and his staff being included in the organization of the Joint Task Force as Task Group 132.5. Although not discussed in detail at the meeting, it is General Clarkson's thought that Dr. Graves would be in the chain of command to Task Group 132.5 in exactly the same manner as he is now in the chain of command to Task Group 132.1.

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