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During a telephone conversation with Hal McAlduff of Oak Ridge Operations Office last week, I was advised that the Health Physics Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory would probably require additional funds to cover the costs of the participation by two members of the Health Physics Division in Operation Castle. Mr. McAlduff said that he was informally advised that $7500 would be required.

When the initial discussions regarding ORNL participation were held among representatives of ORNL, NRL, and the AEC last fall, it was thought that the proposed project would not require additional funds, except, possibly, a few hundred dollars for travel. However, it now appears that considerable shop work for this project is required at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Also, two ORNL employees, instead of only one as originally planned, will take part in the operations. The shop costs coupled with the additional travel costs would result in a need for a $7,500 increase in the ORNL Health Physics Division's operating budget.

A conference call was arranged today among Mr. Roth and Mr. McAlduff of Oak Ridge Operations Office and Bert Stanwood and myself. It was suggested that the Oak Ridge National Laboratory be advised to proceed with this project as expeditiously as possible and that the adjustment of funds would be worked out at the mid-year review.

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