

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Classified to U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

Per William W. Hensch
(Date of automatic change in classification)

REPOSITORY

12/8/54
1/25/55
OAG-18-92953

H
AG 729.3

By Julius W. Emery
(Signature of person making the change and date)

BOX No

Lt. Col. Richard A. House
Headquarters
Joint Task Force Seven
Washington 25, D. C.

~~This material contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the espionage laws Title 18, U.S.C., Section 793, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.~~

Dear Dick:

I have purposely refrained from replying to your note of 4 May until I might have an opportunity to talk the matter over with a number of different people, the last of whom was Garry McDonnal. First of all, let me say that we will be glad to have someone attend the meeting on lagoon contamination if you desire. Please let us know where and when. Actually, we are working in such close harmony with John Servis that he is pretty well able to express our opinions on most matters whether they coincide with his or not, and in most cases our thoughts are identical.

Concerning the matter of Task Force Radiologist, there are still quite a number of possibilities. Garry McDonnal feels that Clint Maupin might be a good candidate. I simply do not know whether a) this would interfere with his job as AFSWP Field Surgeon, or b) he would like to do it. I do not think this is the sort of assignment which should be given to someone who does not actually want it. Another possible contender is Payne Harris who has now been assigned to Sandia as Clint Maupin's deputy. Payne definitely would not wish to go out there with no assignment except that of Task Force Radiologist. It might, however, be a very good arrangement if he could combine this with some other assignment. For this, we are suggesting that Payne be made Program Director of a telemetering program, something which could draw on RadSafe for some of its personnel. John Servis regards such a plan as highly desirable, particularly as it would perform a function which would be very helpful to him. This arrangement might also serve to justify naming Kent Woodward as Harris' deputy, a matter which seems even more desirable when we remember that the Task Force will now be pretty well divided between two atolls. I have the feeling that Jim Brennan would not be too anxious to go if he gets some assignment more interesting than the one he now has.

I feel that any of the above suggestions are preferable to using Sam Rothermal. He is too good a research man to have his work here interrupted for a three-month period. My own preference is to see

REPOSITORY N LOS ALAMOS NAT LAB
COLLECTION CL-4
BOX No 1331-1
FOLDER Castle Corral

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~

Lt. Col. Richard A. House

-2-

May 18, 1953

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

whether we cannot dig up a sponsor with some funds (either the Task Force or the Division of Biology and Medicine) for a good telemetering program. This should permit instruments to take much of the guess work and uncertainty out of the initial phase of any test. I suggest that you talk this over with Garry McDonnell with whom we discussed the matter last week.

Do plan your trip to California so that you can stop here for a day or so on your way out.

Very sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY THOMAS L. SHIPMAN, M. D.

THOMAS L. SHIPMAN, M. D.
Health Division Leader

cc: John Servis
File

TLS/lca

~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

-2-