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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 453

10:15 a.m., Thursday, August 10, 1950

Present

Gordon Dean
Sumner T. Pike
Henry D. Smyth
Thomas E. Murray

Carleton Shugg
Bennett Boskey

Roy B. Snapp
Philip J. Farley

Also Present

Lt. Gen. E.R. Quesada
Brig. Gen. J.K. Gerhart
Capt. J.R. Pahl
Col. P.T. Preuss
Dr. A.C. Graves
S. Burriss
P. W. Spain
Capt. Duncan Curry

Brig. Gen. James McCormack, Jr.
Col. George F. Schlatter
Col. Richard T. Coiner, Jr.
Brig. Gen. J.P. Cooney
Thomas A. Courtney
Shields Warren
Walter F. Colby

1. Operation GREENHOUSE

General Quesada and Dr. Graves discussed the tentative conclusions resulting from the reexamination by Joint Task Force 3 of the objectives and scope of the 1951 weapons tests. General Quesada said that a report setting forth these conclusions and the Task Force recommendations was being prepared for submission to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and would be sent to the Commission for comment before submission to the Joint Chiefs.

At this point General Quesada, General Gerhart, Captain Pahl, Colonel Preuss, Dr. Graves, Messrs. Burriss and Spain, Captain Curry, General McCormack, Colonel Schlatter, Colonel Coiner and General Cooney left the meeting.

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2. Designation of Acting General Manager

The Commission:

a. DESIGNATED Carleton Shugg as Acting General Manager of the Commission effective at the close of business August 15, 1950; and

b. AUTHORIZED and directed the Acting General Manager to discharge those functions and responsibilities vested in the General Manager, pursuant to existing delegations of authority, orders, and instructions.

At this point Mr. Courtney entered the meeting.

3. Clearance of Louis Ridenour

Mr. Dean said that on the previous day Mr. Thomas Finletter, Secretary of the Air Force, had called him concerning the clearance of Dr. Louis Ridenour and had sent Under Secretary of the Air Force McCone to discuss the case with Mr. Dean (See Chairman's Memorandum for File concerning his conversation with Mr. McCone, dated August 10, 1950). The Air Force was familiar with the results of investigation of Dr. Ridenour and, while recognizing the nature of the personality problem which they would acquire, felt that Dr. Ridenour's services were essential and that there was no question as to his loyalty. After discussion, the Commission:

a. NOTED that the Department of the Air Force, after reviewing the investigative material on Louis Ridenour, had confirmed the request that the Commission grant "Q" clearance to Dr. Ridenour; and

b. REQUESTED that an interview with Dr. Ridenour be held in order to supplement material in his personnel security file.

At this point Mr. Courtney left the meeting and Dr. Shields Warren entered.

4. European Visit by Director of Biology and Medicine

Dr. Warren reported to the Commission on his observations and discussions during his recent trip to France, England, and Belgium to attend scientific conferences.

During the above discussion, Dr. Colby entered the meeting.

5. Model Shelter Design for National Security Resources Board Study

Dr. Warren said that he proposed to instruct his staff to prepare plans for a model personnel shelter accommodating from 6 to 20 people. The plans would be transmitted to the National Security Resources Board with a recommendation that they be included in the civil defense report being prepared by the NSRB for issuance on about the first of September. Dr. Warren said that, in his opinion, if the NSRB decided not to use the plans the Commission should consider releasing them independently. After discussion, the Commission:

NOTED WITH APPROVAL that the Director of Biology and Medicine would have plans for a model shelter prepared for early submission to the NSRB with a recommendation that they be included in the forthcoming civil defense report of the NSRB.

Roy B. Snapp
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: September 26, 1950.