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1. OPERATION GREENHOUSE

Dr. Alvin C. Graces, Technical Director of JTF-3, presented a briefing on the preliminary results of tests held during Operation GREENHOUSE. He first reviewed some of the objectives and results of Operation RANGER. He then presented some of the objectives and preliminary results of Operation GREENHOUSE, including fissionable material expended, rough yields obtained, and the tentative results of the scientific experiments. He stated that JTF-3 now had the preliminary reports concerning the technical operations and hoped to have rough drafts of final reports by August 1, 1951. The final report should be published by October 1, 1951.

Mr. LeBaron raised the question of receipt of formal reports on both Operations RANGER and GREENHOUSE by the MLC. Mr. Dean pointed out that the Commission was also eager to obtain the results of the tests and knew that General Quesada would have the information as soon as possible.

The responsibilities of the Commission and the Department of Defense as regards the thermonuclear program were discussed.

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