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COMMISSION SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS

In approving the most recent Quarterly Progress report to the Joint Committee (AEC 129/3) at Meeting 217 on November 17, 1948, the Commission made several suggestions to Mr. Mullenbach concerning future quarterly progress reports. The following extract of the minutes of Meeting 217 is furnished in order that you may have a record of Commission suggestions in this regard:

"4. AEC 129/3 and AEC 129/4 - Quarterly Progress Report to the Joint Committee - July-September 1948

"Under consideration was the Quarterly Progress Report to the Joint Committee for July-September 1948, (AEC 129/3) together with a draft Foreword (AEC 129/4). The Chairman commented that in preparing these quarterly reports it was important not to assume that the readers would have highly specialized or technical familiarity with the atomic energy program. Mr. Strauss suggested that future reports might well indicate the parts of the program with which the Commission was not fully satisfied and which represented unsolved problems under attack. Mr. Lilienthal observed that a critical self-appraisal of the sort suggested by Mr. Strauss would be appropriate not only in future quarterly progress reports but perhaps also in the semiannual reports to Congress. Mr. Strauss proposed that in future reports the charts showing production rates might advantageously be projected back to 1946 or even 1945 to provide a better basis for evaluation of the progress of the atomic energy program. Mr. Lilienthal said that it would be helpful to have the statistics for the 1945-1946 period assembled and brought up for Commission consideration in advance of the next quarterly report.

"After further discussion and revision, the Commission:

APPROVED, as revised in accordance with the discussion at the meeting, the Quarterly Progress Report to the Joint Committee (AEC 129/3) and Foreword (AEC 129/4) for transmittal to the Joint Committee without further reference to the Commission.

"During the preceding discussion General McCormack entered the meeting and at this point Messrs. Mullenbach and Burchard left the meeting."

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