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3. AEC 129/17, 129/18, and 129/19 - Quarterly Progress Report to the Joint Committee

Under consideration was the draft Quarterly Progress Report to the Joint Committee for July - September 1949 (AEC 129/17 as amended by AEC 129/19); also under consideration were a draft Foreword and Appendix "F" to the Quarterly Progress Report (AEC 129/18). In response to a question from Mr. Dean, Mr. Mullen reviewed the changes made in the revised Weapons Section (AEC 129/19) and explained their significance.

Mr. Smyth suggested that it might be possible to shorten the report and to avoid repetition of material in earlier reports. Mr. Wilson explained that the Quarterly Progress Report was the only comprehensive classified report furnished regularly to the Joint Committee; the Semiannual Reports are unclassified. The Quarterly Progress Reports reportedly were seen by most members of the Joint Committee. The comments of the Committee and its staff had been solicited as to the length and contents of the report, and had been considered in the preparation of the present report.

Mr. Volpe suggested that the Quarterly Progress Report might be used to keep interested members of the White House staff informed of the activities of the atomic energy program. Mr. Dean agreed that this device might be useful and suggested that the staff discuss the proposal with Admiral Souers. After further discussion and revision of the Foreword and the Report, the Commission:

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a. APPROVED, as revised in the light of discussion at the meeting, the draft Quarterly Progress Report (AEC 129/17) as amended by AEC 129/19, and also approved as revised at the meeting the draft Foreword and Appendix "F" (AEC 129/18);

b. REQUESTED that revised sections of the report be circulated to the available Commissioners before reproduction of the final report; and

c. REQUESTED that the staff explore the possibility of making available regularly to certain members of the President's staff an information copy of the Quarterly Progress Report, under appropriate security safeguards.

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