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Mr. Dean said he had given further thought to the transfer of Joint Task Force 3 responsibilities effective August 1, 1951, to Joint Task Force 132 under the command of Major General P. W. Clarkson without prior clearance with or notification to the AEC, about which he had expressed concern at the meeting on the previous day. In view of the Commission's responsibilities for maintenance of the Eniwetok Proving Grounds and the orderly termination of and preparation for test operations, there was a need for fuller information regarding the administrative and operational relationships existing among the several agencies which shared responsibility for operation of the proving ground.

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Colonel Coiner concurred and said he understood that in the transfer of JTF-3 responsibilities to JTF-132 the failure to consult with the Commission had been inadvertent. There was discussion of the organization of the new task force; of the magnitude of "roll-up" operations to close out Operation GREENHOUSE; and of the complexity of multi-agency responsibilities for the conduct of Eniwetok operations.

After further discussion, the Commission:

NOTED that an information paper would be prepared detailing joint and separate responsibilities of agencies associated with the maintenance of the Eniwetok Proving Grounds and the conduct of test operations, including the ownership of land and facilities and the budgeting for program activities.

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