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6. THERMONUCLEAR DEVICE

Dr. Smyth called attention to a memorandum to the Committee from the Director, Military Application, dated 4

December, 1951, which requested the interest of the Department of Defense in the production of the thermonuclear device which is planned for test in the fall of 1952. If the Department of Defense was interested in one or more of these devices for use as a weapon, they could be procured at the same time as the test device.

Admiral Withington said that a reply was under preparation which would indicate that due to size, weight, and shape the Department of Defense was not interested in a duplicate of the test device, but wished to reconsider when improvements in the physical characteristics were made.

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