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Memorandum for Information

PROBLEMS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION  
DURING OCTOBER, 1950

Note by the Secretary

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Memorandum by the Secretary

1. The Divisions have identified the following problems as matters which appear likely to require Commission consideration during the month of October.

Week of October 2, 1950

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
Custody of non-nuclear weapon components  (This problem, which has been presented to the Commission in AEC 2/21 and AEC 2/22 is to be approached from a different angle. Prior to any decision on the policy question a recommendation will be made to the Commission that the details of the problem be studied jointly by the Armed Forces and the Atomic Energy Commission in the field.)	Military Application
Problem of removing from the restricted data category the size, weight, and shape of atomic weapons.	Military Application
Allocation of increased funds in FY 1951 for additional capacity for weapons fabrication.	Military Application
Report on arrangements by DuPont, Argonne and ORNL on technical assistance in reactor design and separations processes for tritium program.	Production
Increased industrial participation in the reactor development program, in preparation for meetings of ASME and Charles Thomas with the Commission.	Reactor Development
Selection of operating contractor for chemical plant at Idaho.	Reactor Development
Selection of operating contractor for the MTR.	Reactor Development
Approval of construction of North Carolina reactor	Research.
International distribution of radioactive isotopes. (Sequel to AEC 231/12)	Research

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<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
Heavy water for Canada (Sequel to AEC 254/2).	Research
Review of proposed legislative program	General Counsel
Meeting with Subcommittee on Atomic Energy of the Committee on World Freedom of Information of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.	Public and Technical Information Service
Approval of submission of 1952 Budget Estimates.	Controller

Week of October 9, 1950

Report on contractor selection for architect-engineer, construction, and operation of new gaseous diffusion plant.	Production
Sale of vacant residential land at Oak Ridge	Production
Sale of existing houses at Oak Ridge	Production
Mk. I MTA conversion	Research
Modification of insurance contracts involving collateral funds.	Controller
Proposed policy regarding employee benefit plans.	Controller

Week of October 16, 1950

Upward revision by the Department of Defense of its requirements for atomic bombs, in light of recent developments in the field of atomic bombs.	Military Application
Additional operational weapons storage site in Continental U.S.	Military Application
(The Joint Department of Defense and AEC working committee on future storage of atomic weapons has studied this problem and will soon make its recommendations to the Department of Defense and the AEC.)	
Report on site selection for new gaseous diffusion plant required under the expansion program now being considered.	Production
Export of technical data. (Sequel to AEC 301 on cyclotron blueprints.)	Production
Views of M. Sengier on increasing Congo production.	Raw Materials Operations
Review of annual financial statements.	Controller
Production of initiators from other materials.	Military Application

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PROBLEM

DIVISION

Week of October 23, 1950

Plans for new ore refinery	Production
Report on negotiations with utility company for power for new gaseous diffusion plant for expanded program.	Production
MTR program operation	Reactor Development

Week of October 30, 1950

Sale of commercial property at Oak Ridge	Production
Consideration of proposal to build low temperature heavy water plant. (See AEC 274/11)	Production
Letter to President requesting final approval of exact dates and expenditure of fissionable material for Operation GREENHOUSE.	Military Application

Time During October Unspecified

Problem of disseminating restricted data to "M"-cleared persons, particularly in connection with Operation GREENHOUSE ("current and pressing").	Military Application
DuPont Letter Contract	Production
Report on site selection for DuPont project	Production
Special ore buying schedule for Marysvale Utah Area to promote prospecting.	Reactor Development.
Relationships with the United Kingdom	Special Projects
Proposed letter from Chairman, AEC, to the Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine acknowledging Committee report on September meeting.	Biology and Medicine
Reconsideration of policy in respect to reservists.	Organization and Personnel
Meeting between Commission and Atomic Energy Labor Relations Panel.	Organization and Personnel

2. In addition to the matters identified by the divisions, the following topics may require consideration:

a. Meeting of the General Advisory Committee at Los Alamos, October 30, 1950.

b. "Internal committees" - a memorandum of July 28, 1950, by the Chairman.

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c. Organization of the Division of Military Application. (At Meeting 437 the Commission agreed to discuss this subject with the Director of Military Application and the General Manager.)

d. Participation of the Commission in the activities of the National Security Council and the National Security Resources Board. (At Meeting 437 the Commission requested the Chairman to propose any steps in this regard which appeared desirable.)

e. Relations with the Department of State; delegation of Commission responsibility and authority. (At Meeting 437 the Commission agreed to consider this question during the first part of October.)

f. Commission organization. (At Meeting 437 the commission agreed to consider Commission organization, including the recommendations of the Bugas Panel.)

g. Activities and organization of the Division of Organization and Personnel.

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