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The second secon on long-range detection activities conducted by the Air Force in

connection with Operation SANDSTONE. He reviewed the organization of the detection network and summarized the preliminary results obtained by various methods of detection. As a result of experiments during Operation SANDSTONE, the Air Forces were confident of being able to detect by radiological means an atomic air-burst. In response to a question by Mr. Strauss, as to whether this detection would be routine or would require previous alerting, Dr. Johnson replied that a program of long-range detection on a routine unalerted basis would probably be initiated in September of this year and surely by January, 1949. He indicated briefly the problems of organization, technical manpower, and financing that faced the detection program and emphasized the importance, in meeting these difficulties, of a sufficiently high priority for the program. He stated that an interim report on detection activities during Operation SANDSTONE was expected during the month of July and that a full report was scheduled for completion in September 1948.

At this point Doctor Johnson, Doctor Urry, General Nelson,

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