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3. An earlier version of the report of Panel "L" to the Psychological Strategy Board was circulated as AEC 483/9 for Commission study, discussion and action. It was approved subject to revision at Meeting 733 on August 13, 1952.

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

ACTION BY PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD ON REPORT OF PANEL "L"

Report by the Director of Information Services

1. The draft of the first report of Panel "L" to the Psychological Strategy Board was amended as requested in my memorandum of August 14 (AEC 483/12) transmitting the Commission's views. It also was amended in accordance with views of other agencies represented on the Panel. The agreed text was transmitted to the Board on August 19 by the Panel chairman. His note of transmittal and the agreed text are circulated separately as AEC 483/19.

2. The Chairman of the PSB placed before the Board the report and a memorandum dated August 27, attached as Appendix "A". This memorandum advocated that either the panel or another specially selected group be authorized and directed to expand the scope of its considerations to include such questions as:

a. How to revamp the U. S. position on control of armaments to counter propoganda claims against the U. S. that might be expected after IVY;

b. Whether the U. S. could derive a psychological advantage by redesigning IVY into tests of "components" of a thermonuclear device rather than the device entire;

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September 10. Since it has been circulated to all Commissioners it is not carried with this report.

5. The texts of the draft announcements for use after MIKE Shot if found necessary, and for use at the conclusion of the series, both showing the amendments put forward by the FSB, are attached as Appendices "C" and "D".

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6. If and when a formal paper from the FSB on the action taken on the report of Panel "L" is received it will be supplied for the further information of those receiving this report.

LIST OF ENCLOSURES

APPENDIX "A"

Memorandum on Report of Panel "L" by Panel Chairman, August 27, 1952.

APPENDIX "B"

Text of State Department Member's memorandum, September 2, 1952.

APPENDIX "C"

Text of draft announcement.

APPENDIX "D"

Text of draft announcement.

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to me from R. Gordon Arneson, Chairman of the Panel. This Memorandum describes the Panel's conclusions so adequately that I need make no comment, except to state my views briefly on the position of the PSB member described in Mr. Arneson's last paragraph.

2. I believe that the Panel's interpretation of its Tasks, set forth in Paragraph II of the Report, though fully understandable was narrower than I would have advocated. Consequently, issues which I consider of great importance and which, in my opinion, were clearly within the scope of the problem, as stated in Paragraph I of the Report, have not been discussed. These issues are:

a. What steps can appropriately be taken to strengthen the psychological position of the U.S. in the face of present and expected claims that Eniwetok brands the U.S. as the sponsor of mass destruction? It would seem that counter-action to be psychologically effective must be more than mere publicity, such as, perhaps, reaffirmation of the U.S. position on control of armaments. The importance of this issue is emphasized by the not unreasonable fears of many people throughout the world that we are on the threshold of Armageddon. Consideration, I believe, should be given to continuous efforts on the part of the U.S. to overcome the implications arising from its possession of the world's most devastating weapon. Granting the irresponsibility of these contentions, they have persuasive logic.

b. Whether there would be a psychological advantage to the U.S. to follow the suggestion made by a member of the Joint Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission that the Eniwetok tests be redesigned so as to consist of tests of components of the device rather than of the entire device. Smaller explosions would result and might provide a basis for even less publicity

Appendix "A"

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in time or indirectly geared to whatever, might prove enormously effective to both our friends and our enemies. At least I feel that serious consideration should be given to the possibilities.

3. If the Board agrees that the above issues, or any one of them, deserve further analysis, I would suggest that it direct Panel "L" to consider them and to report its conclusions and recommendations as soon as possible to the Board. In view, however, of the nature of the issues, I can appreciate the possibility that the Board may prefer to have the issues reviewed by some specially selected group other than the Panel.

4. If the Board decides to designate a group other than the Panel, I would recommend that the Panel be discharged with thanks for its efforts and that any issues, in addition to those mentioned above, which are related to this subject matter, be referred to the new group.

5. If, on the other hand, the Board decides either to refer the above issues to the existing Panel or to have no review of these issues made, I would recommend that the Board approve the suggestion made in Mr. Arneson's Memorandum, namely, that Panel "L" continue to address itself to the Tasks set forth in Paragraphs II (a), (b), and (c) of the Report.

Raymond B. Allen
Director

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APPENDIX "B"

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Morse Salisbury,
Director, Division of Information Services,
Atomic Energy Commission.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared by Acting Secretary of State David Bruce on the action taken at the luncheon meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board on Thursday, August 28, 1952 on the Panel "L" Report.

The attached amendment referred to in the first paragraph was the suggestion to amend the footnote at the bottom of page 4 of the Panel "L" Report to read as follows:

"In the event that the thermonuclear test is partially or wholly unsuccessful, the statement in Appendix 'B' would presumably not be necessary but a statement along the general lines of the statement in Appendix 'C' should be used."

The reason for this suggestion was that the first sentence in paragraph 2 of Appendix "C" would be misleading in the event the test was a complete dud.

I am also enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Dr. Allen, Director of the Psychological Strategy Board, to the other members of the Board which is referred to in the last paragraph of Mr. Bruce's memorandum.

/s/

Joseph Chase

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August 26, 1952

LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1952

Panel "L" Report

I read the attached amendment to the members of the Board and they are agreeable to it. However, there were various changes in the Appendices which are detailed below:

Appendix "A". It was agreed that this release should be made with the following changes:

Second line, omit words "a series of".

Fourth sentence, replace word "details" by word "statement".

Appendix "B". It was agreed that, if possible, Appendix "B" should not be issued at all, but it would be left to Defense and AEC to do so if they think it necessary. In any event, the second paragraph of Appendix "B" should be totally eliminated on the theory that its contents are covered in the final release, namely that of Appendix "C".

Appendix "C". The second sentence should be eliminated. In the last sentence of the first paragraph, the code name "IVY" should be eliminated and replaced by the word "present" (this is for code reasons).

In the second paragraph of Appendix "C" the last sentence should be entirely eliminated.

Regarding Dr. Allen's memorandum of August 27, subject "Report of Panel L", all members were in favor of eliminating paragraphs B and C. As to paragraph A, nobody had any objection to having the study made that was suggested by Dr. Allen. However, since at the conclusion of the lunch it was decided to discharge the panel from any further duties with thanks, I should imagine we can forget about this whole memorandum.

David Bruce

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APPENDIX "D"

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
FOR USE AT CONCLUSION OF IVY

Joint Task Force 132, operating for the Department of Defense and the United States Atomic Energy Commission has concluded the third series of weapons development tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This series was carried on under the code name IVY. Like the GREENHOUSE series, 1951, it was designed to further the development of various types of weapons releasing the energy resulting from the fission of heavy elements and the fusion of light elements. Unlike GREENHOUSE the IVY series contained no experiments relating to effects of the detonations on structures, equipment or experimental animals.

Scientific executives for the tests have expressed satisfaction with the results. The leaders and members of the military and civilian components of the Task Force have accomplished a remarkable feat of precision in planning and operations and have the commendation of the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission. General Clarkson, the Commander, and Dr. Graves, the scientific Deputy Commander, will soon issue a public statement commenting in more detail on the contributions of the various components of the Task Force.

The tests were conducted under full security restrictions of the Atomic Energy Act and no further facts concerning them will be issued publicly.

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In the presence of threats to the peace of the world and in the absence of effective and enforceable arrangements for the control of armaments, the United States Government must continue its studies looking toward the development of those vast energies for the defense of the free world. At the same time, this Government is pushing with wide and growing success its studies directed toward utilizing these energies for the productive purposes of mankind.

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