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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 561

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3:10 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 1951

Present

Gordon Dean
 Sumner T. Fike
 Thomas E. Murray
 Henry D. Smyth
 T. Keith Glennan

M. W. Boyer
 Walter J. Williams
 Everett L. Hollis

Roy B. Snapp
 Philip J. Farley

Also Present

Edward R. Trapnell
 Shelby Thompson
 John A. Hall
 A. A. Wells
 Col. George F. Schlatter
 George L. Weil
 Walter F. Colby
 Paul C. Fine
 Brig. Gen. James McCormack, Jr.

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1. AEC 153/32 - Public Announcement on Operation GREENHOUSE

Mr. Trapnell outlined the schedule for public release of the proposed announcement on Operation GREENHOUSE (AEC 153/32) and said that, following Presidential approval of the release and upon completion of the fourth and final shot, it was expected that release would be made without further reference to the Commission unless new problems arose. A press conference on the tests was being arranged to be held in Washington in mid-June upon the return of the Commander of the Task Force, the Scientific Director, and other key personnel. After further discussion the Commission:

APPROVED the recommendation of AEC 153/32.

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At this point Messrs. Schlatter, Trapnell, and Thompson left the meeting, and during the following discussion General McCormack and Mr. Fine entered.

2. AEC 190/46 - Cooperation in the Field of Atomic Energy

Mr. Boyer said that the present paper (AEC 190/46) had been prepared by the staff on the understanding that the Commission wished a revision of the AEC position on cooperation with the UK and Canada, which noted the Department of Defense position on the problem and presented an independent statement of the Commission's views. He recommended that the Commission adopt this paper, with such revisions as it wished, as a basis for discussion by the Chairman with the Special Committee of the National Security Council.

The Commission discussed extensively the statement of the AEC position contained in AEC 190/46 and the proposed revision contained in Mr. Murray's memorandum to the Commissioners dated May 16, 1951 (copy on file in the Office of the Secretary). It was pointed out that the basic policy decision to be made by the President and National Security Council was whether partnership between the UK and Canada and the United States should be full or limited, and that the ambiguities and limitations in the Department of Defense position which had been discussed with the MLC at the conference on May 7, 1951, might better be clarified following any such policy decision.

Mr. Boyer said that the question had arisen of a second conference of representatives of the UK, Canada, and the U.S. on security standards and practices, on the lines of the one held in Washington June 19, 1950 (AEC 302/10). Mr. Glennan pointed out that scheduling of such a conference while establishment of an Executive Branch position on relations with the UK and Canada was underway would be a useful demonstration of the Commission's concern for maintenance of security under an extended program of co-operation. After further discussion and detailed revision of AEC 190/46, the Commission (with Mr. Murray abstaining on Item "a" below):

- a. APPROVED, as revised at the meeting, the AEC position on co-operation in the field of atomic energy (subsequently circulated with revisions as AEC 190/49);

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b. NOTED that the views of Commissioner Murray on cooperation in the field of atomic energy would be made part of the record (subsequently incorporated in AEC 190/49);

c. NOTED that the Chairman would request the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council to call an early meeting of the Special Committee to consider the subject of cooperation in the field of atomic energy, and that copies of the Commission's position would be transmitted to the other members of the Special Committee;

d. NOTED that the Chairman would advise the Chairman of the MLC before taking the action in c above;

e. NOTED that the Bureau of the Budget would be advised that the Commission plans to raise in the forthcoming meeting of the Special Committee of the NSC the question of amendment of the Atomic Energy Act to permit broader cooperation;

f. NOTED that arrangements would be initiated for a conference of representatives of the U.S., U.K., and Canada on security standards and practices.

At this point Messrs. Weil, Colby, Wells, McCormack and Fine left the meeting.

3. Power for Savannah River Plant

Mr. Boyer said that representatives of the DuFont Company had advised him that on May 21 they would be ready to present their findings and recommendations on supply of power for the Savannah River Plant. Mr. Boyer planned to visit Wilmington at that time to discuss the subject and would report subsequently to the Commission.

Roy B. Snapp
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: June 13, 1951