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MEETING NO. 165

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 14, 1948

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Present

Also Present

David E. Lillienthal
Sumner T. Pike
Lewis L. Strauss
W. W. Waymack

Walter J. Williams
Ralph P. Johnson
Morse Salisbury
Donald F. Carpenter
Commander F. L. Ashworth

Carroll L. Wilson
Adrian S. Fisher
Joseph Volpe, Jr.

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T. O. Jones
Philip J. Farley

1. Public Announcement Concerning Operation SANDSTONE

The Chairman reported to the Commission that during a telephone conversation the previous evening with Mr. Carpenter, Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee, he had taken the position that the Commission would release a statement shortly after the first test shot unless directed not to by the President. He had requested Mr. Carpenter to verify from the Task Force Commander reports reaching the Commission that the test was under observation. The Chairman also advised the Commission that Senator Hickenlooper's view on this matter coincided with the Commission's position. He stated that Mr. Carpenter would visit the Commission later in the day to discuss the matter further.

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2. Approval of Minutes

Under consideration were revised minutes for Meetings 160 and 161, on March 31 and April 1, 1948. The Commission:

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Mr. Wilson stated that he had been informed by the Los Angeles Area Manager, of certain allegations against Mr. Nicol in connection with his separation from the Rexall Drug Company. Mr. Wilson stated that he had talked with Mr. Justin Dart, president of the company, and Mr. Johnston, the vice-president, who had assured him that the allegations were unfounded and had expressed their full confidence in Mr. Nicol's integrity and loyalty. Mr. Wilson advised the Commission that a full Federal Bureau of Investigation investigation was in progress and that a report could be expected at an early date.

4. General Manager's Visit to Los Alamos

Mr. Wilson reported that after the special AEC-MLC Conference on April 1, he and General McCormack went to Los Alamos and Sandia to look into the arrangements between the Commission and the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project for joint action in case of an emergency. As a result of conferences with Mr. Tyler, Dr. Bradbury, General Montague, Mr. Larsen, and others, detailed plans have been worked out for rapid transfer of specific components to the AFSWP. Joint inspection of components has now been instituted, and as rapidly as possible singly inspected components now designated under the emergency plans will be replaced by jointly inspected ones. When the substitution has been completed, the replaced singly inspected components will be used in a rehearsal of the plans. The Commission was requested by the AFSWP to organize a reserve assembly team among its personnel, and to designate experienced and versatile personnel as emergency "trouble shooters." Plans for rotating assembly teams now at Eniwetok with the team now at Sandia have been abandoned by the Armed Forces. Mr. Wilson stated that cooperation and mutual confidence between the staffs of the Commission and the AFSWP at Sandia were excellent, and that agreement on all points of the plan had been reached.

Mr. Wilson stated that arrangements were now being worked out between the Commission and the Department of National Defense for emergency procedures in Washington. He recommended that a master plan for Washington and field action in case of national emergency then be drawn up and formally agreed to by the Commission and the Department of National Defense. Mr. Waymack recommended that the Commission report such arrangements formally and in detail to the Joint Committee. Mr. Lilienthal suggested that it might be opportune for him and the

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Secretary of Defense to report these arrangements to the President when they present to him their annual recommendations on production rates.

At this point Mr. Williams entered the meeting.

5. AEC 61/1 - Reactivation of Pile Area "B" at Hanford

Under consideration was a report (AEC 61/1) on the above subject by the Director of Production. After discussion, the Commission:

APPROVED the recommendation of AEC 61/1.

6. AEC 76 - Additional Postum and Urchin Production Facilities

Under consideration was a report (AEC 76) by the Director of Production, examining the necessity for providing postum and urchin facilities in addition to Units V and VI. After discussion, the Commission:

a. APPROVED the recommendation of AEC 76.

b. REQUESTED that a letter informing the Joint Committee of this decision be prepared.

At this point Mr. Williams left the meeting and Mr. Johnson entered.

7. Sabotage Alert of Commission Installations

Mr. Wilson referred to the draft minutes of the special conference with the Military Liaison Committee on April 1, 1948, at which he had not been present. He pointed out the manner in which the points under discussion were receiving attention. After discussion, it was proposed that a letter to the Military Liaison Committee be drafted, requesting that the Military Establishment keep the Commission fully and promptly informed regarding the military situation so that protective measures against possible sabotage could be kept under constant review. The Commission would express urgent desire for effective coordination of effort among the Commission, the Military Establishment, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Commission:

NOTED that the Associate General Counsel would prepare an appropriate letter.

At this point, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Parley left the meeting. Carpenter and Commander Ashworth entered.

10. Public Announcement concerning Operation SANDSTONE

Mr. Carpenter read a message he had dispatched to the Task Force Commander, which quoted in full a draft prepared by the Commission of a proposed press release to be issued after the first Proving Ground Test, and requested the Task Force Commander's comments. He then read the reply he had received from the Task Force Commander, in which the latter recommended against a release in view of certain com-

plications which might result, but stated that he was unable to evaluate the need for a release and further that issuance of a release such as suggested would not jeopardize his operation.

Commander of the above decisions, and also to request him to arrange that with the exception of necessary operational flights (personnel participating in which should be given strictest security briefings) flights be avoided if possible which would result in the arrival of test or observer personnel at Honolulu or other points where press representatives are present, prior to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Saturday following the test.