

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 884

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 7, 1953

Present

Lewis L. Strauss
Henry D. Smyth
Eugene M. Zuckert

M.W. Boyer
Walter J. Williams
William Mitchell

Roy B. Snapp
John H. Stumpf

Also Present

John A. Waters
Thomas A. Courtney
John A. White
Dr. John C. Bugher
Morse Salisbury
Col. Marcus F. Cooper
Neil J. Carothers
Thomas H. Johnson
Lawrence H. Bayer
Capt. F.L. Ashworth (USN)
Harry L. Browne
J.L. Kelehan
Gerard Smith
Comdr. James Dunford
John Mackenzie
Walter F. Colby
E.R. Trapnell
William L. Davidson
David Z. Beckler
Donald H. Loughridge
James K. Pickard
Robert P. Petersen
Philip Mullenbach

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BY AUTHORITY OF L. M. Saffran
BY R. Andrus DATE 4/14/79

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2. Plans for Dissemination of Information on Fall-out from UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE Tests

Mr. Salisbury reviewed plans for the dissemination of information on fall-out resulting from the UPSHOT-KNOTHOLE tests. He said that a section of the forthcoming Semiannual Report to Congress, to be submitted toward the end of July, would be devoted to the subject. Upon the release of the Report, public meetings would be held at St. George's and Salt Lake City, Utah, in order to provide forums for the discussion of questions concerning fall-out phenomena. It was his opinion that the Salt Lake City meeting would be especially significant since fall-out matters had been extensively discussed in the city's newspapers, partly as a result of the questions raised by Dr. Lyle B. Borst. Mr. Strauss said that he would like to look over correspondence between Dr. Borst and the Division of Biology and Medicine. He added that in a recent conversation Dr. Shields Warren had expressed to him his concern that the Commission might have underestimated the seriousness of the fall-out problem. Mr. Smyth and Mr. Zuckert said that there had been no disposition on the part of the Commission to think that the problem was not a most serious one.

Mr. Smyth observed that the table indicating the levels of exposure to radiation incurred in the normal medical use of X-rays, which had appeared in the report issued in January 1953, appeared to be especially useful for purposes of comparison with levels of radiation from fall-out. He suggested that this table also be included in the forthcoming report.

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Roy B. Snapp
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: August 20, 1953