

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 1088

9:00 a.m., Friday, June 10, 1955

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Present

Lewis L. Strauss
Thomas E. Murray
W. F. Libby

K. E. Fields
William Mitchell

W. B. McCool
John H. Stumpf

Also Present

J. A. Waters
W. Lee Hancock
John A. Hall
A. A. Wells
Col. Vincent G. Huston
Morse Salisbury
Ulysses M. Staebler
Manuel Dupkin
Everett Holles
John Mackenzie, Jr.
Comdr. John W. Crawford
Richard J. Hallinan
William L. Oakley

1. New York Times Article

Mr. Strauss referred to articles in the New York Times of June 10 criticizing AEC's statements on fall-out. He said that one of the articles referred to Mr. Ralph Lapp as a former AEC official. He observed that although Mr. Lapp was frequently referred to as a former employee, he had never been officially connected with the AEC. He had, however, been an employee of the MED in 1945 and 1946 in liaison between the Metallurgical Laboratory in Chicago and Los Alamos. Mr. Strauss suggested that the Joint Committee be informed of this fact and of certain

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information concerning Mr. Lapp's background in order to correct
misapprehension that testimony by him on fall-out would be
authoritative.

Mr. Fields said that Mr. Lapp had referred an article concerning weapons to the AEC for classification review and had been told that it contained restricted data. Mr. Lapp had since rewritten and resubmitted the article, and certain classification problems still remained. Some consideration was being given to personally discussing with him the classification problems in the article. Commissioners Strauss and Murray said they felt that as a general rule articles concerning weapons should not be reviewed.

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W. B. McCool
Secretary

Approved by the Commission: October 5, 1955