

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### A Note on Information Sources

Various types of materials were used in preparing this history. At the outset, an extensive computer search of the Department of Energy (DOE) library, including the data base at the Oak Ridge Laboratory, revealed that the type of technical reports there would not be helpful in developing this history. Primarily, three other sources of information were relied upon: materials from DOE Archives, which were identified and assembled by Roger Anders of DOE's History Division; the data bases of the Library of Congress, which led to a review of newspapers, periodicals, technical journals, and books; and interviews.

Three classes of information were used: technical events and developments, institutional developments, and related events in the milieu. The five categories of materials used are discussed below.

*Printed reports and government documents* were used to identify particular facts about the RTGs and the program. Some of the materials provided relevant facts covering broad time periods; other sources pinpointed narrow time periods and revealed program status at a time, or presented important decisions or statements relevant to the program. A few of the materials focused on particular aspects of the program.

*Books and pamphlets* provided a breadth and depth of understanding. Several stand out for an understanding of the technology and the broad and changing issues of the time period covered: the historical documents about the AEC, ERDA, and the DOE, and the energy chronology produced by the history staff of DOE (Buck, Dean, and Holl) were invaluable in succinctly presenting relevant events in the institutional environment. The work on radioisotopic power generation by Corliss and Harvey was a valuable primer in the technology. For background on the times and glimpses of the views of top-level scientists and administrators, the cited books by Seaborg, Webb, Killian, Kistiakowsky, and Levine were profitable. The Newell book also proved helpful in tracing the history of NASA. Detailed information on specific space missions was found in several NASA documents on Apollo, Viking, and