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**Part II:**

budget of approximately \$30 million, in charge of only university research and pilot plant studies. Additional reorganization created an S-1 Executive Committee, composed of Conant, Briggs, Compton, Lawrence, Murphree, and Urey. This group would oversee all Office of Scientific Research and Development work and keep abreast of technical

developments that might influence engineering considerations or plant design.<sup>23</sup> With this reorganization in place, the nature of the American atomic bomb effort changed from one dominated by research scientists to one in which scientists played a supporting role in the construction enterprise run by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.