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Box 1 REPORT ON STAFF ACTION TAKEN AND PLANNED AS A RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE HANFORD MEETING.
Folder 5 Report by the Director of Biology and Medicine
1. Staff action on the particle problem.

The recommendation of the Committee was reported to the Manager of Hanford Operations Office with the added recommendation that operations be resumed at the canyon. This information was transferred in turn to the Director of Production and to the contractor with resumption of activities.

2. Staff action on the building problem at Hanford.

The consideration of the buildings for the technical center as related to the activities of the Division was discussed with representatives of the Manager of the Operations Office and with the representatives of the contractor. There has been included in the 1950 budget funds for aquatic biology and for a farm for large animals. The recommendation of item for soil science laboratory was removed from the 1950 budget.

3. Staff action on the research program.

The recommendation to consider direct contracts for research, as well as to continue operations through the Office of Naval Research, has been initiated by discussions with the Legal Division and with representatives of several universities to determine their reaction. It is believed that simple contracts of type acceptable to universities can be brought up, which will enable closer contact to be maintained. The suggestion of the Office of Naval Research that it be allowed a percentage for overhead on the administration of research contracts is being considered and will be taken up with the Legal Division, Finance Department

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and the Office of Naval Research.

4. Staff action on personnel situation at University of Rochester.

The personnel situation at the University of Rochester was discussed with the Director of the project at the University and it is further planned to engage in discussion with the University authorities and the New York Operations Office with regard to the program at the University of Rochester.

5. Staff action on experimental therapy problem.

There has been no staff action on the problem of experimental therapy by those holding contracts, funds for which have been provided by the Atomic Energy Commission, pending the possible resolutions of the problem existing with Dr. Stone by correspondence from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in an unofficial capacity.

6. Staff action on RW program.

Discussion of the RW program of the Chicago Toxicity Laboratory led to a review of the program as outlined by the Director of the Division with the key personnel at the Chicago Toxicity Laboratory and a visit by the Director to that laboratory on October 20. In addition, those phases of the program, biology and medicine, not to be concentrated upon at the Chicago Toxicity Laboratory, were discussed with representatives of biology and medicine from Commission installations and holders of major contracts on October 20, and those phases of the program not assigned to the Chicago Toxicity Laboratory were tentatively assigned to those activities expressing interest in them and having facilities and personnel

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qualified to engage upon them.

7. Staff action on Civilian Defense Planning Problem.

The staff action on relationship of the Atomic Energy Commission to the problems of Civilian Defense Planning has resulted in several conferences of the Public and Technical Information Service and with other representatives of other interested Divisions. Staff Paper No. 157 has been prepared chiefly by the Public and Technical Information Service in collaboration with the Division of Biology and Medicine

8. Staff action on distribution of cyclotron-produced isotopes.

Staff action with regard to the recommendation on distribution of cyclotron-produced isotopes has been a notification of the Chief, Isotopes Division, after consultation with the Division of Research of the desirability of making available such isotopes and the technical aspects of the matter under discussion. An item of \$200,000 has been included in the 1950 budget for this purpose. Discussions will shortly be undertaken with the Sub-committee of Radiobiology of the National Research Council, which is deeply interested in this problem. Telephonic communication has already been held with Dr. J. G. Hamilton, the Chairman of this Committee.

9. Staff action with regard to Alamogordo Area.

Staff action with regard to the Alamogordo Area has been limited thus far to initial consideration of best means of controlling disintegration of fused trinitite.

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Letters of appreciation for their cooperation and provision of facilities have been sent to the Manager of Hanford Operations Office and to representatives of the contractor's staff.

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