

Information on Policy and Operations in Connection with the  
NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF RADIOISOTOPES

Policies and Pertinent Letters of Authorization and Approvals.

Committee Meetings on Radioisotopes.

1. First complete, specific proposal for the national distribution of radioisotopes produced by the Manhattan Project. A memorandum dated 3 January 1946, addressed to Colonel S. L. Warren and prepared by Dr. Waldo Cohn at the direction of the Radioisotope Committee of Clinton Laboratories.

2. Selection of a non-Project Committee to advise Headquarters, Manhattan Project, Washington, D.C., on a nationally desirable policy concerning the distribution and production of isotopes. A letter dated 26 February 1946 addressed to Dr. Frank B. Jewett from Major General L. R. Groves asking the assistance of the National Academy of Sciences for nominations to an "Interim Advisory Committee on Isotope Distribution Policy."

3. Nominations by the National Academy of Sciences for the "Interim Advisory Committee on Isotope Distribution Policy." A letter dated March 6, 1946, from Dr. Frank B. Jewett, President of the Academy, to General L. R. Groves.

4. A list of members of the "Interim Advisory Committee on Isotope Distribution Policy" as nominated by the National Academy of Sciences and appointed by Major General L. R. Groves.

5. Preliminary understandings, agreements and recommendations of the Policy Committee. A letter dated 1 May 1946 from Dr. L. A. DuBridge, Chairman of the Committee, to Major General L. R. Groves.

6. Acknowledgement and concurrence with recommendations of the Policy Committee. Letters dated 22 May 1946 to Dr. Frank B. Jewett and Dr. L. A. DuBridge from Major General L. R. Groves.

7. Request for initiation of organization and facilities for the distribution of radioisotopes. A letter dated 24 May 1946 to Dr. C. A. Thomas, Monsanto Chemical Company, operators of Clinton Laboratories, from Brigadier General K. D. Nichols, District Engineer.

8. Acknowledgement of request and advice of compliance. A letter dated 4 June 1946 from Dr. Charles Allen Thomas to Brig. Gen. K. D. Nichols.

9. "Availability of Radioactive Isotopes," announcement from Headquarters, Manhattan Project, Washington, D.C. A reprint from the journal Science for the week ending June 14, 1946, and copy of news release dated June 14, 1946.

10. Minutes of the initial meeting, 18 June 1946, Advisory sub-Committee on Allocation and Distribution of the Interim Advisory Committee on Isotope Distribution Policy.

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11. Minutes of the initial meeting, 28 June 1946, Advisory sub-Committee on Human Applications of the Interim Advisory Committee on Isotope Distribution Policy.

12. An explanation of the mechanism used in estimating costs and determining selling prices of radioelements. A letter dated 16 July 1946 to the Commanding General, Manhattan Project from Colonel E. E. Kirkpatrick, Deputy District Engineer.

13. Copies of forms and instructions used in distribution of radioisotopes.

14. Illustration of scope of distribution. List showing requests received and allocations made up to 31 October 1946.