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Inspection and Assembly of Active Material for Weapons:
Report on Discussion with R. E. Poole, Walter McNair,
D. A. Quarles, L. J. Paddison, 9 June 1950.

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1. The above discussion reached the conclusions given below. It was agreed that these conclusions be reviewed on 12 June at LASL with representatives of the LASL, Sandia Corporation and the AEC. If agreement of the three interested organizations is obtained, immediate action can be taken.

2. For the foreseeable future, LosAlamos Scientific Laboratory will retain the responsibility for the inspection, acceptance and assembly of all active material to be incorporated in atomic weapons. This will be done independently of any decision relative to custody or technical surveillance of active material stored elsewhere than LosAlamos.

3. The Sandia Corporation has the full permission of LASL to offer positions in the Sandia Corporation to any or all of the persons in Section W-1-2 now located at Sandia. The thought here is that Sandia may wish to obtain the services of some persons experienced in the field to act as a staff to Paddison.

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4. In consideration of Sandia's shortage of personnel experienced in the nuclear surveillance field, LASL will, if requested by Sandia, defer any radical changes in the status quo for as much as six month. This period would allow time for Sandia to obtain adequate personnel. Holloway requested that the intentions of Sandia relative to the personnel in W-1-2 be stated at an early date so that LASL may make its plans for absorbing at Los Alamos those persons not transferring to the Sandia Corporation.

5. The Sandia representatives seemed to favor the complete removal of LASL operations from Sandia Base. Mr. Poole expressed some worry that Building 868 might not be well utilized under these circumstances, but Mr. Paddison assured him such would not be the case.

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6. Mr. McNair stated his understanding that Los Alamos would develop and prescribe the equipment and methods of nuclear surveillance and that Sandia would and could look to LASL for help and guidance in its nuclear surveillance. Holloway agreed, but made clear the point that LASL would not pay any attention to the operation of the sites unless requested to do so by Sandia.

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7. Sandia would continue to carry out surveillance of all nuclear test equipment (R-Groups and S-Kits) not in use at LASL.

8. W-1-2, wearing its LASL hat and with help from Paddison's organization, has been carrying out surveillance of pits. It is suggested this matter be resolved by transferring pit surveillance to Sandia.

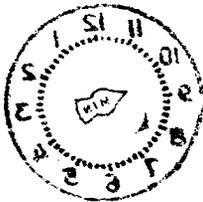
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