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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION
OF THE COMPONENT REPORTS

As described in President Truman's statement on the development of the Atomic Bomb (published in the New York Times of August 7, 1945), an Interim Committee has been appointed to make recommendations to the President with regard, among other things, to the "research and developmental aspects of the entire field and to its military applications."

This Interim Committee has appointed a Scientific Panel consisting of Drs. A. H. Compton, Enrico Fermi, E. O. Lawrence, and J. R. Oppenheimer who are to advise the committee on scientific and technical matters.

In a letter dated July 20, 1945 to the Panel members, Mr. G. L. Harrison, special consultant to the Secretary of War and alternate chairman of the committee, requested the Panel to submit on October 1, 1945 a set of detailed recommendations on research and development programs in nucleonics.

A meeting of the Panel was held at Los Alamos on August 11-13, 1945, and an outline of the report was drawn up. Members of the various DSM projects were selected to be responsible for various subjects, and S. K. Allison was requested to supervise the preparation of the report and to edit it.

You are requested to prepare a statement concerning what should be done on the subject assigned to you in the individual letter enclosed, and to submit it to S. K. Allison, P.O. Box 1663, Santa Fe, New Mexico before September 15, 1945.

The Panel, interpreting the instructions in Mr. Harrison's letter, has the following suggestions to make concerning the material to be written up by you.

- (1) Since the report is to be used by the Interim Committee, which consists, in part, of non-technical members, the material should not be presented as one would do it for study by other scientists.
- (2) The question of the organization of the effort should not be taken up; what is needed is a set of important problems.
- (3) The committee is sufficiently convinced that a nucleonics program is necessary so that urging on →

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this point is not needed. Attempts to predict the long range future of nucleonics are also inappropriate. The Panel is trying to suggest a program which can be begun in the very near future.

- (4) It is very difficult to make an outline of a program in which there is not duplication, and the Panel has not succeeded in this. Gross overlapping of incoming reports will be remedied by discussions in the Panel.
- (5) If possible, you should make an estimate of the number and kind of men who should work on the problem on which you are reporting. This estimate should not be woven into the body of your report but appended at the end.

The component reports will be considered and edited at a Panel meeting before turning in the assembled report to the Interim Committee. The Panel will attempt to assign relative priorities to various parts of the program, and your comments will be appreciated, again, in an appendix and not as an integral part of your report.

An outline of the entire report is enclosed, which should aid you in orienting your component part with respect to the whole.

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SAMUEL K. ALLISON

August 15, 1945

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