

CONTRACT WITH DR. OUGHTERSON

Inf furnished Col. Longfellow
18 Feb 48--questions raised in
tel. conversation with Dr. Shields
Warren.

TERMS OF CONTRACT The subject work of the contract reads as follows:

To write approximately 700 pages of illustrated monograph based on the report of the Joint Commission for investigating the effects of the Atomic Bomb in Japan.

Thus the contract refers only to editing of the report and not to publication. As indicated below, under "Publication of Report," preparations for publication were to be made at a future date by the AEC.

FUNDS The money for this contract was a transfer from the Atomic Energy Commission to the SGO. The amount of the contract is \$8,000, and for the period through December 1947 our records show an unexpended balance of \$4,072.74. (Dr. Oughterson himself receives as Expert to The Surgeon General an honorarium of \$50 per day when he works on this project, and travels on orders, with per diem, if he notifies this office in advance so orders can be written.)

The contract covers the period 1 May 1947 to 30 June 1948. At the present rate of spending, there will be no funds remaining in June. If there are, of course, the contract can be extended in time, to allow use of such funds. This has not yet been done, and there is nothing on file regarding additional money. As for the time required to do the work, in March 1947 Mr. Tuckerman Day, who is editing the report, estimated it to be as follows:

Editing, 10 to 13 months.

Interim for composition, 2 to 4 months (publisher should be consulted).

Publication, 4 to 6 months (Publication means reading proofs and seeing the book through the press, which Dr. Shields Warren has specified as part of Mr. Day's duties.).

If the work has progressed as expected, possibly only an extension of the time limit of the contract would be necessary.

PUBLICATION OF REPORT Quoted from memo of 12 March 1947 for Col. Stone from Major Vogel (of this office), subject: Publication of Atomic Bomb Report by Dr. Oughterson: "Primarily, they (Atomic Energy Commission, Maj. Dauer) seem interested in giving us the money now to proceed with the editing and preparation of the manuscript and reserving decision as to method of publication for a later date."

As to the amount publication was expected to cost, the following is quoted from letter of 28 February 1947 to General Kirk from Carroll L. Wilson, General Manager of the AEC: "To finance this project, the Commission is prepared to advance the necessary funds amounting to \$75,000 upon submission of a properly executed Form 1080."