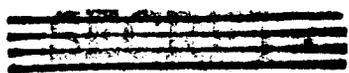


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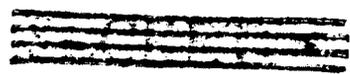
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Present: N. E. Bradbury, D. Froman, J. M. B. Kellogg, E. Jette, M. Holloway, M. Roy, Capt. R. A. Larkin, Maj. R. C. Smith, D. Mastick, Col. A. W. Betts. R. Lichtmyer

1. Discussed photographic fund held by Brixner, and Los Alamos University Fund held by Carson Mark. Confirmed decision that photographic fund would be distributed to ALAS and Community Welfare Association as was previously agreed. Decided that Maj. Smith is to discuss with Carson Mark the possibility of using University Fund to reproduce notes of Fermi and others for distribution. He is to inform Bradbury of the results of this decision.
2. Discussed issue of combat suits. Decided to continue previous policy of issuing this clothing to groups required to work out of doors in cold weather, adhering to current property rules. Request was made that a check be made on the possibility of offering such clothing for sale as a possible way of getting the Laboratory out of this clothing business.
3. Discussed status of request for 14% blanket increase. Lt. Col. Stewart is reported to be taking action on this.
4. Discussed establishment of an Engineering Division to handle all Project engineering, electrical, mechanical, and construction. Director will write up his ideas on what should be the functions of this Division for further study and discussion.
5. Discussed status of Commanding Officer's request that we review need for a maintenance and construction group within the Tech Area. The general consensus of opinion was that this group more than pays their way by relieving scientific personnel of all responsibility for these functions. It was not apparent that an outside organization under any head could accomplish this same purpose. It was urged that a strong representation be made to the Contracting Officer against any change in functions of this Group.
6. Discussed request from Safety Division as to what would happen in a major emergency. The question was what could be expected if the fast reactor blew up but did not destroy the building in which it is operating. Kellogg is to review this for the Director.
7. The Director requested information as to what items we might want to have Colonel Roper discuss with the Commanding General. The only item offered for such discussion was the case of Mark and his status.



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8. Refer to Top Secret Memorandum on LB.
9. Holloway explained derivation of Effective Production Unit Curve. He will furnish a memo on this subject to the Director who will discuss with Richtmyer, Effective Production Unit Curve to be set up for implosion gadgets.
10. Discussed term insurance procured through University of California business office and especially clause which states that payment of this insurance will be made only after University of California has been given signed release of all liability by the insured. Major Smith is to draft a letter to Underhill for Director's signature requesting clarification of this clause and some sort of intent on the part of the University of California with respect to their position in this whole matter.
11. Discussed statement from Hammel to Jette to the effect that he was unable to obtain insurance because decision had not been made on increased premiums. Recommended sending Hammel information prepared by Demson on this, which Jette will do.
12. Discussed request for release of drawings on low temperature apparatus. Decided this should go through proper declassification procedure.
13. Discussed declassification letter from Oak Ridge which establishes certain classes of documents that will be listed in Department of Commerce Document lists for public sale. Inasmuch as this represented a departure from previously established policy, it was decided that Major Smith will discuss this at Oak Ridge next week.
14. Discussed proposals for additional reviewers. Kellogg and Froman will furnish lists of additional names to Maj. Smith.
15. Discussed authority for entry to out-lying Sites. This is to be further discussed with Security. Also recommended establishment of record of entry books in our several storage vaults.
16. Discussed request that pit teams omit disaster equipment from stockpile kits. Decided this responsibility should be transferred to Sandia by letter from the Director. Holloway is to furnish him a memo on the subject.
17. Information furnished that Lt. Col. Frolich will be at Los Alamos Friday, the 11th to discuss temporary vault at Sandia, and his officer training program. The fact that the new storage

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area was not already designed and ready for contracting, caused great consternation, and it was requested that this matter be taken up with Col. Roper to ask for expedition.

18. Discussed fact that we have authority to publish Project reports at Project expense. Director objects to forcing reviewers to recommend for or against publication. It was decided that reviewers would express their opinions along these lines and the Director would reserve to himself final decision on such matters, obtaining personally such assistance as necessary.

19. It was requested that a check be made on the rumored training program of enlisted personnel assigned to the Tech Area. It was pointed out that the proposed program of three mornings a week plus routine KP duty would reduce the value of such personnel to the vanishing point.

20. Request was made for a check on why it is necessary for Security to have so much prior notice on the arrival time of individuals whom we wish to interview for new employment.

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