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MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL BOARD MEETING, 25 OCTOBER, 1946.

PRESENT: Dr. N. E. Bradbury, M. F. Roy, R. Richtmyer, E. Jette, M. Holloway, D. Froman, Col. A. W. Betts, J. M. B. Kellogg, and Maj. R. C. Smith.

1. In the future the Tech Board will meet on Fridays.
2. Top Secret - Stockpile discussion.
3. Discussed recent Area Engineer letter which establishes classifications which are not exempt from provisions of the Wage-Hour Law. This is a change from the interpretation we had made here and now requires that no overtime can be worked by certain personnel previously considered to be on unlimited hours. This means that for certain jobs we will have to obtain District Engineer authority for overtime to allow for unpredictable nature of the work. Division Leaders are to furnish information to the Director who will write the Contracting Officer.
4. Director read letter from the University of Colorado which asked for an exchange for Evans who is here for one year on leave of absence. They need a Physics teacher. No response from any Division.
5. Discussed Major Smith's Oak Ridge conference on declassification. Oak Ridge stressed point that we could not permit direct distribution of documents from here to individuals or institutions outside the Project, since such distribution would constitute publication. Such publication must be made through the Department of Commerce. It was agreed we would only loan documents in the future.
6. Question was again raised as to what action was being taken on our request for a 14% increase in salaries. It was explained that due to a mixup in the office of the Area Engineer, we were under the impression that action was being taken by that office. This week we received a request for additional information which we are preparing. The extremely critical situation on recruiting caused by our inability to compete with salaries paid in industry was pointed out.
7. Discussed specifications for 25. Decided that Smith is to obtain from Manley the results of his studies and Kellogg is to check existing reports and discuss with Richtmyer. This will then

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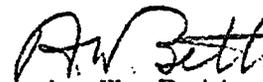
be a matter for a technical conference with the Director.

8. Discussed conference with Y-12 as to whether or not we could gain in numbers of bombs produced if we cut back to 84% enriched material. Decided this will require further study and discussion.

9. Question was raised as to whether or not the new housing would permit a more lenient policy on allowing bachelors to occupy multiple units. It was stated that this is now approved for very senior personnel and agreed that the policy could probably be made more lenient. The hope was expressed that at some future date private building would be permitted on the project so that individuals who want their own homes can have them.

10. The Board approved a procedure to tighten up on the issue of chemical stocks, limiting such issue to a list of approved names in each Division. It was also decided to approve the establishment of a list of very valuable chemicals that would be very carefully restricted.

11. Discussed the effective date of the change in property procedures. It was stated that the draft of the new procedures was almost ready for publication.


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