

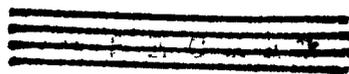
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MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL BOARD MEETING, 12 September 1946 (DELETED VERSION)

Present: Jette, Froman, Holloway, R. C. Smith, Clarke, Manley,
H. S. Allen, Johnson, Walters, Betts and Richtmyer.

1. Discussed the institution of a material pass system for the Technical Area, the purpose of which is to cut down on theft of Government property and also to assist in keeping the records on location of property up to date. After considerable discussion it was decided that the pass system has the approval of the Technical Board. The following changes or additions were made to the system as proposed by the Supply Group:

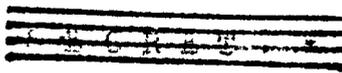
- a. The pass will be signed by the individual taking the property from the Technical Area. This pass will be returned later to the group leader for his counter signature.
- b. Personal property will be generally identified on each pass so that the guard has some means of checking the pass presented against the actual packages carried out. Arrangements will be made that material drawn from "S" Stock which is to go direct to outlying sites will be cleared through the gate on a copy of the stock room issue slip. Arrangements will also be made that property passes accepted at the Technical Area gate will be accepted also at Gate Number One.

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A long discussion of the business of searching private cars at Gate Number One was held and it was decided that we will no longer ask that these gate checks be made, inasmuch as we will have established a reasonably tight control over material leaving the Technical Area. The problem of checks at Gate Number One will then be wholly that of the Commanding Officer.

It was recommended that all Division Leaders urge an increase in property control measures in their Divisions.

2. A report was made on the results of the Housing Board Conference which discussed the allocation of the new houses. It was decided that these would be allotted on the basis of comparative rank of individuals in their organization since such factors as length of service, community interest, and other such items are too intangible to measure. The classifications by the organizations on the Post were correlated and allotment was decided as follows:



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Technical Area	184	
Zia Company	66	(To include all mandatory employees such as Hospital and School.)
Post and Others	52	(To include important concessionaires.)

It was requested that Division Leaders give thought to what method they would recommend using to effect distribution of houses below the selected grade of SC-4 on which the above allocation was based. This will become necessary if any appreciable number of the higher grade personnel decide they do not care to live in the new housing because of rent or other factors. It was recommended that such distribution be handled on a job-wide basis rather than in each individual Division.

3. The housing problem immediately facing the Post with respect to the present construction program was discussed and it was asked what steps could be taken to temporarily throw additional housing to the Post for construction personnel. Each Division Leader was asked to investigate his own Division to determine whether or not it would be possible to declare a moratorium on new hires for some three to six months. It was assumed that with the recent large exodus that perhaps some Divisions could reduce their programs for a few months with the knowledge that by so doing they would help the over-all position of the laboratory by speeding the construction program. It was also requested that all services be reviewed to determine whether or not we could do without such services as the community radio station, the Red Cross, and the community newspaper in order to temporarily use housing made available in this manner. It was pointed out in this connection that perhaps any further disruption of services to existing members of the community would be detrimental to the project.

4. Discussed over-all increase in salaries on the project. The Technical Board was informed that in order to meet increased competition from industry and Civil Service as well as to alleviate to some extent the recent increase in food costs on the Post that a submission to the appropriate wage agency is being made to ask for a blanket increase in salary scales. This increase is to be a flat 14% to match the increase that was granted to Civil Service employees on 1 July this year. The Technical Board was also informed that the Contracting Officer had been requested to ease up on the authority for the project to use the SC-1 classification for secretaries.

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6. The recommendation was made by Holloway that we should stock pile a reasonable number of radium-beryllium sources which could be used in place of initiators in Christy gadgets. T-Division was tasked to investigate what total explosive power we could expect from a bomb using these sources. No decision will be made until the theorists report on this subject.

7. The question was raised as to whether or not the present system of permitting some apartments to be used as small dormitories should be discontinued. It was decided that there would be no change in the present rule; i.e., no new apartments could be so used but apartments now being used that way might be continued by the Division concerned.

8. The Technical Board expressed its dissatisfaction with the present Post property rule that Government furniture could be moved from one set of quarters to another. They raised several points to show that the rule might work considerable hardship. Colonel Betts is to discuss the matter with Post to determine what improvement to the rule can be made.

9. The Technical Board decided to address a letter to Colonel Seeman expressing their thanks for the exceptionally fine cooperation they have always had from him.



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