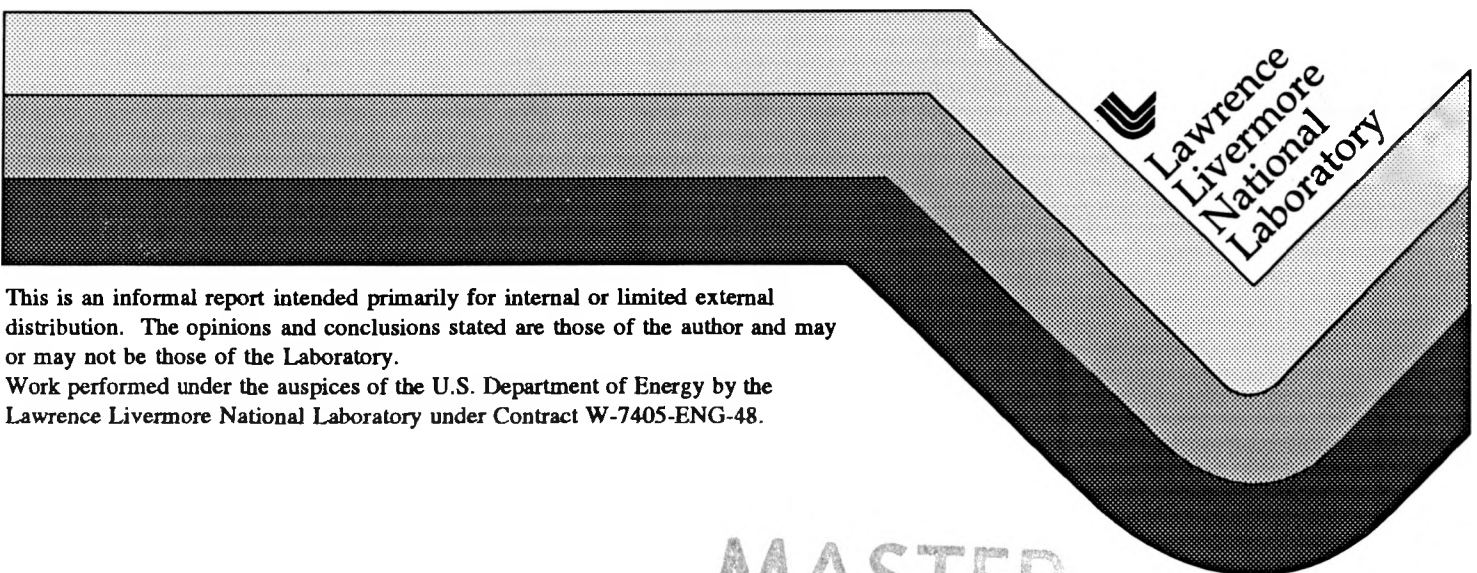


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The seventh meeting of the Livermore Vulnerability Committee was held on May 12. This meeting was called at the request of Committee Member A. L. Austin to discuss Laboratory commitments in the Tapestry experiment, with particular reference to those experiments proposed in the Polaris MK 2 and the Minuteman MK 12 programs.



In answer to these questions, George Bing reviewed the current situation in Tapestry. There is considerable space available in Tapestry. The exposure volume is a room centered on the top of the hole with dimensions of about 20 sq. ft. The present allocation of space, which is quite informal, has earmarked one quadrant for DOD experiments, one quadrant for MK 12 experiments (which however will be done by LRL, not DOD), and the remaining one-half to be allocated to experiments from various programs within the Livermore complex (A-, B-, C-, L-, W-Division, and Sandia).

Bing's view that LRL should not become involved in the DOD quadrant met with whole-hearted concurrence with the Committee. It is assumed that DASA will be the contact agency for the DOD experiments on Tapestry. The DOD will determine the priority of the experiments proposed by various agencies within the DOD, and a list of those experiments agreed upon will be presented to LRL by DASA. Presumably the DOD will field these experiments essentially independent of the LRL experiments.

Since the proposed Polaris MK 2 experiments are within the DOD quadrant, it may be assumed that they are not an LRL responsibility. Since the hardware can be obtained from WR sources, it may not even be necessary for LRL or Sandia to supply parts.

The various experiments within the LRL sector have not been defined as yet. Bing indicated that the programs wishing to participate should have their proposals in his hands by the end of May. There remains the considerable task of translating these various requirements into an experiment which is both meaningful and doable and does not suffer from excessive duplication within the LRL experiments or between LRL experiments and DOD experiments. Bing indicated that he considered this task as his responsibility.

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