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Oct. 8, 1953

Brig. Gen. K. E. Fields Director of Military Application

Roy B. Snapp, Secretary

COMMISSION ACTION ON AEC 597/23 - CASTLE PROGRAM

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At Meeting 924 on October 7, 1953, the Commission:

a.

- b. APPROVED the scheduling of the first CASTLE test for March 1, 1954, the sequence, exact dates, and locations of the various tests to be determined by the Commander of the Joint Task Force Seven in conjunction with the Los Alamos and UCRL-Livermore Laboratories.
- NOTED that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, the Military Liaison Committee, and the General Advisory Committee will be advised of this action by appropriate letters.
- 2. You are requested to take the action necessary to implement this decision.
- Copies of any implementing papers should be furnished this office.

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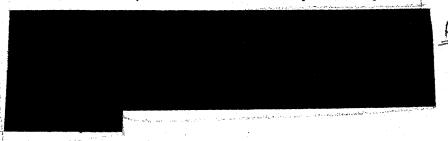
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Under consideration was a report by the Director of Military Application recommending in part that the Commission approve the scope of the CASTLE program as proposed in the subject paper and also approve the scheduling of the first test for March 1, 1954. General Fields said that the proposals of the present paper were those which had been discussed with the Commission at Meeting 920. However, it now appeared that it would be desirable to inform the MLC of the Commission's action and to request DOD support of the operation by a letter rather than by forwarding to them the copy of the staff paper.

After discussion, Commissioners Murray and Campbell:



b. APPROVED the scheduling of the first CASTLE test for March 1, 1954, the sequence, exact dates, and locations of the various tests to be determined by the Commander of the Joint Task Force Seven in conjunction with the Los Alamos and UCRL-Livermore Laboratories.

c. NOTED that the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, the Military Liaison Committee, and the General Advisory Committee will be advised of this action by appropriate letters.

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