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Secretary

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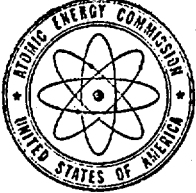
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN SEABORG

THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER - 2

SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING ON SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR TRANSIT

Reference General Loper's 25 April 1961 letter (AEC 1000/19) and the attached note from the Office of the Chairman requesting an acknowledgement to inform the MLC that the Chairman is favorably disposed towards a joint AEC-Navy-Air Force meeting to delineate safety responsibilities for the TRANSIT program.

A meeting was held on 27 April 1961 which satisfied the DOD request. The results of this meeting are reported in the attached memorandum.

Frank K. Pittman, Director
Division of Reactor Development

Attachments
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Memorandum

TO : Frank K. Pittman, Director
Division of Reactor Development
THRU : Col. Jack L. Armstrong
FROM : Lt. Col. G. M. Anderson, Chief *R. T. Carpenter, Capt USAF*
Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power Branch

DATE:

SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING CONCERNING NUCLEAR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR TRANSIT

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Reference is made to General Loper's 25 April 1961 letter to Dr. Seaborg accepting the proposed division of responsibilities for the SNAP-3 generator for TRANSIT and citing the need for a joint AEC-Navy-Air Force meeting to clearly delineate detailed safety responsibilities within the general provisions of the inter-agency agreement.

A meeting was held in Room 5D200 of the Pentagon on 27 April 1961. Those attending the meeting included:

<u>Navy</u>	Capt. E. Conrad	CNO (OP-75)
	Capt. E. Hribar	BuWeps (ANPO)
	LCDR J. Danis	CNO (OP-75)
	Mr. T. Griffin	BuWeps (TRANSIT Project Office)
<u>Air Force</u>	Col. R. Elwell	DIG/Safety - Hqs USAF
	Col. P. Gwynn	AFSWC (SWVN)
	L/Col. E. Hubbard	DIG/Safety - Hqs USAF
	L/Col. DiLorenzo	Directorate of Nuclear Safety Research
	Mr. S. Horracks	AFSC Hqs
	Lt. P. McCourt	AFSWC (SWVP)
<u>DOD</u>	Col. D. Miller, USAF	
<u>(MLC)</u>	Col. R. Gaddis, USAF	
<u>AEC</u>	L/Col. C. Barnes	SNAP Safety Officer
	Capt. R. Carpenter	SNAP Project Officer

A short briefing was given by Capt. Carpenter to bring the group up to date on the TRANSIT project. The items in the division of responsibilities agreement were discussed with emphasis on those pertaining to safety. The general role of Air Force Deputy Inspector General for Safety (DIG/Safety) was also discussed.

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The results of the meeting were:

1. The only parts that DIG/Safety might play in this project include reviewing the safety analyses performed by the AEC to get a feel for what must be done for follow-on Air Force operational programs using SNAP units and providing a nuclear safety representative from DNSR to supplement the Atlantic Missile Range capability in this area.
2. The SNAP office will furnish copies of the Martin final safety report, the Operating Procedures and the L&R Safety Analysis Report to DIG/Safety and DNSR.
3. The safety responsibility within the Air Force portion of this program rests with the Commander of the Atlantic Missile Range. This responsibility will be maintained through the following working relationships:
 - a. The AEC representative at the launch site will insure that nuclear safety standards and procedures are adhered to during all phases of the operation involving the nuclear unit.
 - b. The AEC representative will report directly to the TRANSIT project field representative and keep him informed concerning the nuclear aspects of the program.
 - c. The TRANSIT field representative is the one person responsible to the Range Commander for all aspects of the TRANSIT program at the Cape.
 - d. The AEC will provide input into the Range Commander's safety plan delineating procedures to be used in case of accidents involving the nuclear unit.
 - e. The AEC will be represented on any recovery teams which the Range Commander establishes in case of missile aborts involving the nuclear unit.
4. Capt. Conrad, CNO, will prepare a letter to the MLC summarizing the results of this meeting as a follow-up to their previous correspondence to MLC which requested the joint meeting.
5. There was the general impression that all parties were satisfied at the close of the meeting.