

file Marviken

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NOTE FOR R. G. SMITH

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH H. G. SEIPEL, WEST GERMANY

As per our discussion with Dr. Beck on August 22, 1972, related to the Marviken containment tests and their invitation to me to hold conversations concerning these tests and my experience with the CVTR containment test, and my letter of reply, I called H. G. Seipel, Chief, Reactor Regulation and Licensing Section (BMBW), Division of Safety and Radiation Protection, The State Minister for Education and Science (phone number 1081). As you know, Mr. Seipel worked with me on the CVTR tests under an AEC-RDT arrangement with West Germany. In his current position, Mr. Seipel has responsibilities related to safety R&D for the West German government and West Germany is funding 50% of the costs for the Marviken test program. My conversation with Mr. Seipel was primarily directed toward having him help resolve what may be a misunderstanding related to my letter response to Dr. Ragnar Nilson, Chairman of the Marviken Safety Experiment Project Board. I explained to Mr. Seipel that REG is very interested in this safety R&D program as well as others being performed in foreign countries and that we are very interested in keeping informed on these programs and exchanging information as may be appropriate. Also, that my letter of reply to Dr. Nilson was not intended to be a letter of negotiation for specific information as it may have been interpreted to be but rather was intended as an information exchange type arrangement for keeping both parties up to date on safety R&D efforts of mutual interest. I explained that we were not trying to get information that they were not willing to give out. I also pointed out that REG would expect to pay for my expenses should my visit to Sweden be approved.

Mr. Seipel said that he would do what he could to straighten this out; however, he is not directly involved with this program but will talk to the man that is.

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