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MEMORANDUM

TO : Directors of Washington Divisions

FROM : M. W. Boyer, General Manager

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORT ON AEC CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION,
MANAGEMENT, AND ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Task Force set up to prepare the AEC answers to the questions in the JCAE letter of April 2, 1952, found that the JCAE questions -- particularly the one relating to the possibility of reducing AEC field staff -- raised general questions concerning the responsibility of the AEC and the manner of operation. The Task Force was encouraged to study these matters objectively, and in as much detail as time permitted. Their findings in these areas have been set down in the attached report, separately from the Task Force discussion of the five JCAE questions in the report already distributed in AEC 546/5.

2. The use to be made of this Task Force report is under consideration by my office. In the meanwhile, the attached copy is furnished you for your personal use and for limited distribution among your staff. The report is a frank discussion of many of the questions about our operations which all of us put to ourselves from time to time. Regardless of what we think of the particular answers the Task Force has come up with, I think it is instructive and helpful to read over their assessment -- as men connected with the atomic energy program for many years in varied capacities -- of how the program is conducted and how management might be strengthened.

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3. To avoid misunderstanding, it may be worth stressing here that the organization scheme advanced by the Task Force is not a plan being actively considered, but simply one devised by the Task Force solely for illustrative purposes.

4. In reviewing the report, you will probably wish to consider whether criticisms made are well-founded, whether studies or actions looking toward improvement are already under way, and whether suggestions made by the Task Force appear worth following up. At a future staff meeting, I will ask for some exploratory discussion of the usefulness and best disposition of the report.

M. W. BOYER

General Manager

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