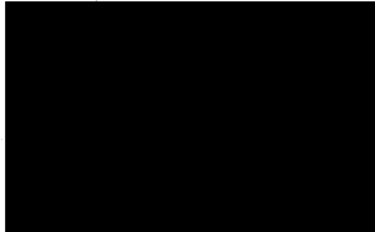


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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF  
THE ATOMIC WEAPON TESTS SAFETY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY,  
339 SWANSTON STREET, MELBOURNE, on 19TH JULY, 1957.

Present



Australian National University  
(Chairman)

Director of Meteorology

Director, C.I.C.I.

Secretary to Committee

1. MINUTES OF TWENTIETH MEETING

The Secretary reported action taken in regard to items 4, 5, 7 and 8. The action taken is reported under the appropriate heading below.

2. REPORT TO

The Safety Committee approved the report to be sent to [redacted], Sulphates Ltd. (Appendix "A"). [redacted] is to be thanked for his assistance and he is to be informed that he can pass the information contained in the report confidentially to those who assisted him. He is also to be informed that, in view of the satisfactory result of the previous testing with which he was associated, there is no requirement at present for further water and mud sampling.

3. INQUIRY FROM SECRETARY, ABORIGINES BOARD, ADELAIDE

The Secretary, Aborigines Board, Adelaide has asked whether the assistance of the native patrol officer Woocera was required in connection with the forthcoming trials at Maralinga. The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Safety Committee will welcome the assistance of the native patrol officers at Woocera and Giles during the forthcoming tests. Similar facilities for moving aborigines are required for the latter tests as were available during the Buffalo tests.

4. SERVICE PERSONNEL - BLOOD COUNTING AT MARALINGA

Australian Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel and civilians at Maralinga had been subjected to blood examinations prior to the Buffalo tests. Blood examinations will be carried out again prior to the latter series.

It had been suggested that the N.S.S. might be interested in the information which could be extracted from the records provided that the initial blood count, radiation exposure, and subsequent blood counts were recorded adequately.

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to be subjected to subsequent blood examinations even though

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