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FAMILY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the First Meeting  
March 10, 1950

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The first meeting of the Family Committee was held Friday, March 10, 1950 at 10:00 A.M. in Room A-204.

Members present:

- Edward Teller, Chairman
- Darol Froman
- Carson Mark
- Eric R. Jette
- Marshall G. Holloway
- Duncan P. MacDougall

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1. Organization of the Committee.

The composition of the Family Committee was discussed. It was felt that J. and P Divisions should be represented. It was decided that the Chairman should approach Dr. Kellogg and Dr. Graves and work out the best way in which these divisions should be represented and informed. It was emphasized that the Family Committee should be kept small in order to assure efficient discussion. For this reason the representatives of J and P Divisions should be for the time being the only ones to be included as permanent members. It will be necessary to invite the man best informed on definite subjects to certain meetings. These invitations will depend on the agenda.

It was agreed that for the time being the Chairman will take charge of drawing up the minutes and that he will arrange the agenda. It is hoped that these duties will be taken over by Frederic de Hoffmann in the near future.

The minutes will be prepared in 35 copies. The distribution as planned at present is the following:

- 1 Norris E. Bradbury
- 1 John H. Manley
- 1 Darol Froman
- 1 Carson Mark
- 1 John von Neumann
- 1 John A. Wheeler
- 1 E. Konopinski
- 2 Eric R. Jette
- 1 J. M. B. Kellogg
- 1 Alvin C. Graves
- 2 D. P. MacDougall
- 1 G. K. Hess
- 1 R. W. Goranson
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The meetings of the Family Committee will be held every week on Thursday at 1:15 P.M. in A-204.

2. Technical Discussion.

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In this way, a reasonable problem for the IBM could be set up. It was proposed that Dr. Mark explore the problem of an extended contract with IBM. It seems possible that we shall have to buy additional time on the IBM machine. This may cost approximately \$50,000.00.

It was recognized that early decisions on the gun gadget may result in a design deviating from the optimum design. It was recognized, however, that such early decisions are necessary.

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These statements will be reviewed and as far as possible made more definite by April 1st.

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Dr. Jette inquired whether it is likely that new types or alloys will be needed. Dr. Teller stated that known materials are likely to be sufficient in order to establish the needed conditions. Dr. Jette was contented but doubtful.

Experiments to be performed on the gun gadget were discussed.

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such a steel plate was voiced.

No strong objection to

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~~B~~ Booster

It is necessary to agree on a definite model of the booster.  
The discussion concerned itself with the selection of that model.

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This will reduce jets and other disturbances.

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This estimate should be checked by calculations. Dr. Holloway has undertaken to get information as to handling the strong source

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present time

It has been decided not to do so at the

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[Redacted] made of the detailed model.

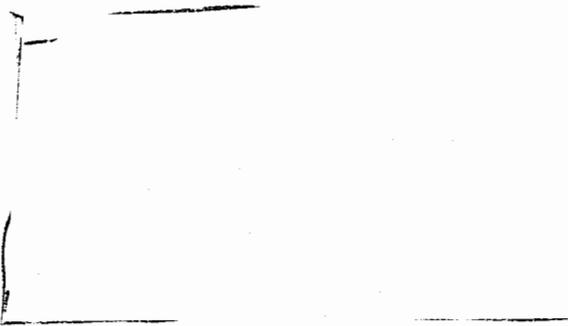
It is hoped that an early decision can be

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3. Agenda for the Next Meeting.



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