

judge in the context of the general situation on systems studies.

(Appendix B, item 3a)

Los Alamos

Mr. Whitman said that the Los Alamos presentation was a very high grade job, and this seemed to be the unanimous feeling. Dr. Fisk added that, moreover, one gained an increasing feeling of strength and maturity in the Laboratory. Mr. Murphree said that Dr. Bradbury's proposal on weapon philosophy was a sound one. Dr. Fisk suggested the Committee not attempt to judge that point of view now, but should call attention to it, to its real importance, and to the importance of examining it. (Appendix B, item 3b)

Livermore

The next subject discussed was the Livermore report. Dr. Rabi remarked, and Dr. von Neumann agreed, that the analysis of the Morgens tern results had been a remarkable job of diagnosis. The Laboratory clearly has very capable people on its staff; it is unfortunate that they are not being effectively utilized up to their abilities.

Dr. Fisk said he felt the Committee could endorse the small weapon program. He was concerned, however, about Dr. Teller's 10,000 MT gadget and wondered what fraction of the Laboratory's effort was being expended on the Gnomon and Sundial. Mr. Whitman had been shocked by the thought of 10,000 MT; it would contaminate the earth. Dr. Rabi's reaction was that the talk about this device was an advertising stunt, and not to be taken too seriously.

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With regard to the small weapons, Dr. Rabi said he had felt there was something very amateurish in the way the objectives were defined. The program was being set up without any study of how the war would be fought, what the planes and rockets actually would carry, etc.

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