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RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS FROM THULE

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Today Dr. Walske called to discuss AEC's assistance to the DoD in disposing of radioactive debris from Thule. The DoD does want the AEC to receive and dispose of (1) the aircraft debris and (2) the contaminated ice to be removed from the vicinity of the crash. I agreed that the AEC would assist the DoD in these areas.

The aircraft debris is to be shipped by air to Oak Ridge and disposed of at Oak Ridge. The contaminated ice will be shipped later by ship to a location yet to be specified by the AEC. Dr. Walske raised the question as to why not ship this debris to Savannah River. I advised him that we would explore this possibility but that in the meantime we would continue planning with ORNL to be sure that nothing is lost in shifting responsibilities since receipt of this debris is months away. Dr. Walske indicated that we may wish to participate more actively in determining the shipping configuration of the contaminated ice. For example, he noted that the Air Force plans to poison the tanks with boron compounds and that also the tanks were to some extent to be modified by removing pipes and welding up the original openings. It was his suggestion that, if the AEC considered filtering the liquid or reclaiming the material, we might wish to have some input as to how the contents were poisoned and also as to configuration of external connections.

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I assured him that we would follow-up on these suggestions.

I plan to be in ORO next week and will discuss this with ORO and ORNL representatives.

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