

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF CLASSIFIED WASTE MATERIALS

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It has been suggested that IASL dig a number of vertical holes in the ground to be used as repository for classified objects no longer needed by IASL.

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a Machine can be released by Bob Newman, J-6, in the near future which will dig a hole 6 feet in diameter to a maximum efficient depth of 60 feet. Sam Musser, Zia, says these holes could be dug within the next two or three weeks most conveniently as far as Zia personnel is concerned. The 60 foot depth is considered best because the main shaft of the digging machine is 60 feet long. The addition of 20 foot lengths to the main shaft may require more time and effort than the additional depth is worth.

Ted Russo states that IASL will not consider placing these holes in any place other than Mesita-del-Buey, since this area has been set aside for waste disposal purposes.

As of this moment, we understand that classified radioactive objects will still be placed in Hot Dump # 1 because of USGS requirements. Classified non-radioactive materials could then be placed in the long shafts. Austin Burch, H-3, states that He contaminated classified objects could safely be placed in the long shafts because He is not soluble in water and there would be no run-off into existing ground water areas.

It remains for this subject to be discussed with Don Dickason, IAAO Security.



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