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BURIAL OF UNCONTAMINATED CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

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A meeting was held the morning of March 2, 1960 to discuss the problem of burial of uncontaminated classified material, or objects which cannot be disposed of by shipping to reclaiming facilities, such as the ones at Sandia Corporation and Medina. The following attended this meeting: W. T. Aldrich, S. E. Russo, John A. Sizer, Jim F. Lemons, Dwight S. Clayton, Roy St. Clair, and the writer.

The drilling of several holes, six feet in diameter by approximately sixty feet deep, was proposed. In these would be deposited the uncontaminated classified objects in question. After Mr. Russo explained several reasons why these holes could not be drilled in limited security area, or in other places under security control, and why he preferred to put these holes, or shafts, on land set aside for future contaminated burial pits, the following tentative agreement was reached, subject to approval of the Laboratory Director:

- a. Several holes of the size indicated above will be drilled at the junction of Pajarito Road and the road leading to the Mesita del Buey burial pits. These holes will be placed close to Pajarito Road where they may be observed by Protective Force personnel passing by and also may be readily checked by security as often as believed necessary.
- b. These holes will be in an area enclosed with standard security fencing equipped with a gate which will be padlocked, except when disposal operations are taking place.
- c. Each hole, prior to being used for disposal of classified items, will be equipped with a sleeve extending approximately six feet into the hole from the surface of the ground. Attached to the top of this sleeve, in a manner to prohibit unauthorized access to the hole, will be a cover constructed of steel plate which can be padlocked, except during disposal operations. Engineering, LASL, will design the sleeve and cover and submit the plans to all concerned for approval.

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