

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Edward Wilder

DATE:

FROM : S. E. Russo

SUBJECT: MATERIALS DISPOSAL AREA "S"

SYMBOL : ENG-3

*Went over this with Wilder,
written answer not needed at this
time @ 9-30-65*

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Response to make to
In reply to your memorandum dated 9/28/65 regarding the subject area being included on drawing ENG-R 102, Revision 13; please be advised that it was not our intention to imply that the enclosed area, or its contents, were in any manner dangerous. The basic purpose of this drawing is to document locations of areas known to contain any materials, or substances, which at some future date may have some bearing on matters not presently foreseen, whereby the location of an area becomes of considerable consequence; therefore by recording all areas which we feel could conceivably apply to this category, while such areas are in physical evidence, we may have supplied those who must treat with such future problems with some vital information.

Some years ago when it was realized that the disposal of contaminated wastes would have to be handled in an orderly and consistent manner, supplemented with adequate records, inquiries were made throughout the Laboratory regarding locations of any type of material burials. The nature of the replies ranged from the known burial areas for contaminated wastes, currently in use at that time, to vague rumors of ordnance equipment and explosives (including possibly some live ammunition), which have not been given definite locations up to this time. The unfortunate bazooka shell incident of a few years ago brought a number of people around to thinking in terms of the importance of recording known locations of materials disposal, which in any manner may be associated with radioactive wastes, explosives, ordnance equipment, impact areas, etc., whether there is thought a potential danger exists or not. In view of the



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foregoing statements it is hoped you will be relieved ~~of~~ of any implications that area "S" is considered to be a hazard of any sort. It is further not our intention to classify any of the areas, but rather to give them locations for record purposes.

The sketch numbered Vellum TA-11-1 was reviewed and project grid coordinates for the center of the enclosure have been added. Five revised prints are attached.

S. E. Russo
Records and Land Surveys

BPW/

cc: (w/o attach)

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