

INTERNAL SECURITY
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE 7 November 1950

TO: Carl Buckland, H-1
 FROM: Jack Aeby, H-1
 SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RUN TO [REDACTED] AT THE CONTAMINATED DUMP.
 REFERENCE: H-1

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 At about 8:35 a. m. we received word at the H-1 office that the contaminated dump was burning. Immediately the Emergency Vehicle and one other radio vehicle were activated. The Emergency Vehicle arrived at the scene at about 8:45 requesting on the way that the other radio vehicle establish a road block at Pecos Road. Security set this road block for us enabling the personnel in this vehicle to come on in to help those in the Emergency Vehicle. It was requested of a man in a Zia Maintenance Vehicle that he see that a road block was established on the other side of the fire. Again Security stepped in and took over this job. Respirators were worn by the personnel in the Emergency Vehicle from the time they passed Pecos Road. At this point the fire inspector and security vehicles were parked. The wind direction was reported at once to headquarters. The personnel of the Emergency Vehicle had donned protective clothing and were at the gate when H. W. Drager, CMR-Safety, arrived with the key to the gate. An air sample was taken with the hand air sampler. Its negative results were reported to headquarters. There was no detectable beta or gamma in the pit or at its edge so two firemen, in full protective clothing and respirators, entered the area with hoses from the tank truck which had just arrived. While steam was rising from the fire, a second air sample was taken in the steam and smoke cloud. It too was found to be negative. The fire was brought under control using two tank trucks full of water. The guards at Station 345 were thoroughly monitored and nose swipes were taken as the smoke was in their direction during the early stages of the fire. The two firemen were thoroughly monitored and nose swipes taken. Instruments were returned to their proper places in the Emergency Vehicle and it was returned to the Tech Area.

I wish to underscore the splendid co-operation of Security Service and the firemen. Also, of note was the fact that both H-Division and CMR personnel were on the scene and were able to carry out their respective duties in harmony and mutual co-operation,

It was suggested, by the guard who reported the fire, that a key to the gate be left at Station 345 along with two respirators and a list of CMR and H-Division personnel to be notified in the case of a fire in that area. This would save several minutes which were lost in the rather involved chain of phone calls required this time to get the information into the proper hands.

The nose swipe results were negative.

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