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BURIAL OF CONTAMINATED CLASSIFIED WASTE MATERIAL

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Attention: Philip F. Belcher

Reference is made to past correspondence and verbal discussions on the subject matter.

The Office of Security, ALO, has given approval for the disposal by burial of contaminated classified waste in the Mesita Del Buey pits provided the following requirements are observed:

1. The waste burial pits are fenced with eight feet chain link fencing topped with three strands of barbed wire angled outward. The gates to the area are locked when authorized personnel are not present. (It is noted that the west end of the Ten Site pit has hogwire fencing with a large space under the gate.)
2. Each section of fence is posted with radiation warning signs acceptable to Health and Safety authorities. (These signs are required for the Mesita Del Buey pits.)
3. Specific location records are classified as high as the material buried. The fact that classified waste is buried in a specified pit is "Official Use Only."
4. Classified waste is buried interspersed with unclassified waste under at least two feet of compacted dirt at the time it is thrown into pit. After a pit is closed there is at least a six foot dirt covering over the classified waste.
5. Each area is located on U. S. Government Property and posted with signs with wording "U. S. Government Property - No Trespassing". (These signs are needed on the Ten Site and Mesita Del Buey pits.)

The Office of Security has emphasized that approval relates only to the security aspects of disposing of contaminated classified waste and that noncontaminated classified material should be disposed of in accordance with AEC and AL Chapters 5170.

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