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Mr. William F. Northrop, Executive Officer, briefly outlined the background of the two volunteer employees--Dr. Kent Detrick and Rear Admiral Frank Higbee, Ret.--and recommended that the Commission give these two employees permanent status as volunteer employees. At this time, Chairman Kenneth Cory administered the Civil Service oath to these gentlemen and presented them with certificates commending them for their volunteer services.

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The public and the work of the Commission have received immeasurable benefit from the efforts of Dr. Kent Dedrck. Dr. Dedrck has volunteered a great many hours of his time, usually putting in a full day in the Commission offices. A small consultant contract with the Attorney General's Office in no way covers his time devoted to the public interest. Dr. Dedrck brings with him many years of practical experience with San Francisco Bay marsh, tide and submerged lands. His broad scientific and educational background has been of great help to the staff in working on complicated boundary and tide calculations. Dr. Dedrck majored in chemistry and physics in college with advanced degrees obtained in physical and theoretical sciences. He worked for many years in experimental and theoretical research at Stanford University and the Stanford Research Institute.

In like manner Admiral Frank D. Higbee has volunteered to the Commission his time and extensive expertise in marine petroleum terminal operations. Admiral Higbee is a veteran of 33 years of active sea duty and was Port Warden for Los Angeles from 1946 to 1964. As Port Warden the admiral was responsible for the preparation and enforcement of regulations concerning the behavior of vessels in the harbor and for fire prevention at port facilities. Admiral Higbee is a respected private consultant in maritime safety matters.

Both Admiral Higbee and Dr. Dedrck have published a number of papers in their respective fields. The public is thus favored to receive the benefits of active participation on its behalf by 2 extremely capable citizens volunteering their time. Such unselfish application of talent and interest in the peoples interests is worthy of highest recognition.

Volunteers are placed in the classification of Volunteer State Service Intern. Under this category they may be reimbursed for travel expenses. It is a pleasure to have volunteers assisting staff. Even more, it is an honor to work with volunteers of the reputation and experience of Admira Higbee and Dr. Dedrck.