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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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March 30, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD ASSISTANTS

SUBJECT: Staff Study on Coordination of Nuclear Energy Projects
and Related Information Programs

In accordance with the Board action of March 3, 1954, the enclosed staff study describes OCB responsibilities and sets forth recommendations for OCB and NSC actions with respect to overall coordination of nuclear energy projects and related information programs.

Copies of this study are being furnished to representatives of ODM, AEC, and FCDA, who will be invited to participate in the Board Assistants' consideration of this problem at their April 9 meeting.

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STAFF STUDY

SUBJECT: Coordination of Nuclear Energy Projects and
Related Information Programs

THE PROBLEM

1. To formulate recommendations with regard to overall coordination of nuclear energy projects, and related information programs, particularly as to the extent of OCB responsibility in these fields.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. OCB Responsibilities under Executive Order 10483 — Section 2 of Executive Order 10483 provides for two types of OCB actions:

a. Subparagraph (1) which deals with actions specifically assigned to OCB by NSC, charges the Board with "advising with the agencies concerned" respecting "the execution of such security action or project so that it will make its full contribution to the attainment of national security objectives and of the particular climate of opinion the United States is seeking to achieve in the world." In recognition of this function, the NSC recently assigned two actions to the OCB in the general nuclear energy field:

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- (1) NSC Action 104 charged the OCS with advising the Council with respect to the timing of release of the Ivy Files.
- (2) NSC Action 1061 charged OCS with coordinating the timing of the public announcement of the not-for-side Civil Defense Exercise, as well as the general line to be taken by publicity about it.

b. A second responsibility of OCS stems from subparagraph (d) of Section 2 of Executive Order 10425, which provides that "the board shall... initiate new proposals for action within the framework of national security policies in response to opportunities and changes in the situation." In fulfillment of this function, the OCS, by action of December 4, 1954, authorized a program for the domestic and international information program in support of the President's UNGA speech. This group includes representatives of the AEC and FCDA.

c. Within the framework of subparagraph (2) of Section 2 cited above, the OCS makes recommendations to the NSC on such matters as nuclear energy projects which have not been specifically assigned to the Council, but which affect other national security actions assigned to it.

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d. OCB's interest and responsibility in this latter area have been recognized by the Atomic Energy Commission. Although NSG Memo, dated 10/1/53, "Official Statements on Nuclear Weapons", charges officials in the Executive Branch with clearing nuclear weapons statements with the Chairman AEC, and charges the latter with clearing intelligence aspects with the Director of CIA, and foreign relation aspects with State, in a number of instances, the Chairman AEC has sought the advice of the OCB with respect to timing and content of official statements on nuclear weapons. By letter to the OCB Staff Representative of February 10, 1954, the AEC working group member requested OCB advice on the timing of the announcement of Joint Task Force Seven, and by letter to S. W. Benson of March 4, 1954, with reference to public reporting of the Joint Task Force tests, the Chairman of the AEC stated:

"The ultimate decisions on whether to use these materials, how to adopt them, and what timing to follow in issuance, if it should be found desirable, should of course be made in the light of the judgments that may be assembled by the Operations Coordinating Board."

3. Additional Major Actions not presently Assigned for 1954 Action

a. A number of major public statements with respect to peace-time application of atomic energy, international exchange of power reactor technology, and exchange of weapons with NATO allies will be made in connection with the forthcoming hearings on amendments to the Energy Act. These hearings are presently scheduled for May.

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b. The FCDA has developed a statement with respect to the planning assumptions for the fiscal year 1954 which will be made available for use by state and local Civil Defense organizations. These assumptions include a considerable amount of emphasis on the effect of nuclear weapons, targets, destruction, etc.

c. A number of additional actions and public statements need to be developed with respect to the annual report on the exchange of Civil Defense information with friendly countries, and the information developed through the ODM with respect to non-military defense measures (industrial dispersion, dispersal of Federal agencies, etc.). These actions may have important aspects affecting the United States position overseas, depending principally upon the content and timing of the relation to other significant overseas commitments.

4. Major Responsibilities for Information Related Above.

a. The FCDA under Public Law 85-562 has the responsibility to disseminate appropriate Civil Defense information by all appropriate means.

b. The AEC under the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 has the responsibility making available to Congress and the public information with respect to atomic energy.

c. The ODM, under authority of the National Security Council Reorganization Plan No. 3, has responsibility for the dissemination of non-military defense measures, including public information with respect to such measures.

*On March 22, 1954, the Justice Department made public information which in January 1954 had been sent to all U.S. law enforcement officials by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, requesting an alert against possible smuggling of small atomic weapons into this country by enemy agents. The information release was not coordinated with the Department of Defense.

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d. The Chairman of the AF, under the ISL, is responsible for coordinating programs for the disclosure of atomic energy information to friendly countries. In carrying out this responsibility, he should consult through various agency channels depending upon the purpose involved.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

5. NSC Actions 1045 and 1061, and the 78 letters of Policy, dated 1 March 1954, cited above, acknowledge the interests in the atomic energy field. As precedents they suggest that the AF should consult the Chairman of the AF with the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Chairman of the FCDA on the timing and manner of disclosure of atomic energy information which may significantly affect the national security. The Atomic Energy Commission is seeking to maintain abroad a program, as a result of which, as previously cited, logically would result in:

- a. the timing of disclosure of information to friendly countries;
- b. manner and timing of disclosure of proposed information to public officials, law enforcement agencies, and the general public;
- c. domestic nuclear program and facilities;
- d. military applications of atomic energy and non-military applications of Department of Defense unclassified reports.

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8. Climate of opinion considerably favorable to the... all government actions in the sphere of... which are capable of significant... are many factors which may militate... from a climate-of-opinion... viewpoints.

9. Review of the... to the SEC, the Office of Defense... imposed upon departments and... and Public Law 980 (ROD) and... operational control exist in the... information programs. The National... of the U.S. security position... gaps do not operate to...

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. It is recommended that...

a. Inform the... coordination of nuclear energy... that:

"The... maximum foreign support... with respect to nuclear energy...

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and the timing and manner of public release of information
in the following categories:

- A. Peaceful applications of nuclear energy of public interest to the people and interests of the world.
- B. Nuclear energy development of a general nature, including announcements of research and development, grounds tests and development of public information materials connected therewith.
- C. Weapons development, production, and capabilities including tests and development.
- D. Announcements of nuclear facilities, development, or international agreements and cooperation.

Release of public information concerning nuclear energy defense related to the above categories will be determined by the Office of Public Information.

- A. Release of information regarding nuclear energy.
- B. Division of Public Information, Department of Defense, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense.
- C. Continuity of Information.
- D. Continuity of Government.
- E. Nuclear Security and Facilities.

Information concerning nuclear energy defense related to the above categories will be determined by the Office of Public Information.

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Office of Defense Mobilization

"Memorandum for the President's Security Council, dated 1/11/53, Subject: Official Statement Regarding Atomic Energy is hereby amended as follows:

"Following the words 'Secretary of Defense' in the first paragraph add: 'the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission' under the guidance of the Operating Committee."

c. Contingent upon NSC approval of the attached as TAE "A" with enclosure (1) and (2) (CGE, OCE, AEC, FDA, and the Director CIA).

d. Establish working groups of officials of other agencies, as appropriate (1) to assist the President in the development of other agencies concerned with respect to the proposed actions or statements pertaining to nuclear energy and (2) to initiate suggestions to the NSC on the more effective exploitation of nuclear energy. This group should have access to AEC restricted data, and the Chairman of the OCE at which nuclear energy is being developed.

Attachment:

TAE "A" - Draft Statement of Official
attached Check List, 1/11/53

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Draft Statement by OCS to:
Members of Board
Chairman, AEC
Director, FGD
Director, JDA

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The area of United States Government activity regarding the world's most important problems of coordination and cooperation in the development, both for weapons and general peaceful uses, of nuclear energy, bringing about such coordination and cooperation by the United States to maintain and enhance the American leadership in this field, as stated in the speech of December 8, 1953, to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the subsequent public statements of the Administration, should obviously be examined with a view to making the Agency the most possible part in support of this policy and objective through its activities.

The Board stands ready to assist in the development of a policy which will give first priority of attention to the needs of the various groups to expediting and to making policies and procedures of an appropriate nature. Our purpose is to bring together the various agencies and the timing of official action and statements to be made during the period available in the agencies representative of the needs and the results, to make sure that no pertinent conflicts will be made and to ensure that the maximum support for the United States Government's position in nuclear energy matters may be exerted by the various agencies and by official public reporting generally to the public, and to reduce the possibility of lapses, and to make certain that the various matters of nuclear energy, acting as a whole, are handled in a coordinated and working groups have a general effect on the policy of the Government.

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which in the judgment of the various agencies responsible, hold possibilities for harm or help in the advancement of the national interest.

It is suggested that agency heads and their principals be kept dealing with these and related matters by referring them to the attention of the OCB for advisory comment on content or form of operations, if such as concerns national policy. The likelihood of a more adequate and useful will be served by such action.

The check list, of course, must be reviewed periodically to merit attention. It will be reviewed periodically and will receive comments on additions--or on deletions--as they are suggested.

Attachment:

Check List.

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Check List of Actions of Interest to DSI Responsibility
in the Nuclear Energy and Production Field:

1. Actions in support of the President's proposal to the UN Security Council of December 8, 1953.
2. Major policy statements expressing the Department's position on international control of atomic energy.
3. Executive Branch proposals and reports in support of the Atomic Energy Act.
4. General content of information pertaining to timing of production of elements on weapons test series and the development of production facilities.
5. General content of information pertaining to timing of production of elements, and official reporting materials including civil defense and wide civil defense exercises.
6. General content of information pertaining to timing of production of elements and official reporting materials including exercises and the proposed Strategic Air Command-1954-55 (SAC-1954-55) and the plan for July 1954.
7. General content of information pertaining to timing of production of elements and reporting materials on activities in the United States and abroad.
8. Declassified information proposed for release to law enforcement agencies to assist in the detection of all agencies in the delivery of nuclear weapons.

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9. Timing of public announcements of general deployment of combat elements capable of engaging hostile aircraft.
10. Official comment on guided air defense systems reflecting offensive or air defensive capabilities involving the characteristics.
11. Timing and content of public announcements regarding air warfare, either offensive or defensive.

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