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TO : EO - Mr. Stauts

FROM : SS - R. Hirsch

SUBJECT: Robert S. Allen Article on Nuclear Energy



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1. Many of the points raised in the article were forwarded to me for comment, seem to be well stated in the text. Some of the current nuclear energy developments may be susceptible of argument.

2. For example, "For months the Government has been trying to get a controversial report on the possibility of atomic attack." This is confirmed by Representative Waldorf -Astoria Hotel, April 29, 1954, in which he criticizes the development of the early warning line in the Northern Hemisphere. "Scarcely a week goes by but that we are told through press releases that these negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily, and with the sense of urgency we are all aware of, we cannot detect enemy planes with radar equipment."

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3. The next point raised by Mr. Allen concerns the Administration's bill that would implement the President's proposal for a national uranium pool for peaceful purposes. On this point is offered by Secretary of State in his testimony at the Committee Hearings, in which he said "we have a general idea how the international discussions on the subject are proceeding, we are not in a position to state that the bill contains all that which will ultimately be required. However, the bill as proposed does not offer any obstacles to the general groundwork needed to implement the President's proposal."

4. Morse Salisbury indicates that he will make a concrete attempt to get Democratic members of the Joint Committee to indicate the instructions of the legislation for action on the domestic sections until the next session of Congress. It is of course, is that the next Congress will be Democratic and will take a somewhat different position with regard to the development of nuclear power research.

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June 4, 1954

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Robert S. Allen Article on Nuclear Matters

1. Many of the points raised in the attached article, which was forwarded to me for comment, seem to be in line with the basic facts underlying some of the current nuclear energy projects, although the interpretations may be susceptible of argument.

2. For example, "For months the Committee, spearheaded by Cole, has been trying to get a controversial report on the defenses of the country against atomic attack." This is confirmed by Representative Cole's remarks at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, April 29, 1954, in which he criticized the lack of development of the early warning line across Northern Canada and said "Scarcely a week goes by but that we are not reassured through optimistic press releases that these negotiations are proceeding harmoniously, satisfactorily, and with the sense of urgency which the situations require. We cannot detect enemy planes with press releases or comforting reassurances."

3. The next point raised by Mr. Allen concerns "provisions in the Administration's bill that would implement the President's plan for an international uranium pool for peaceful purposes." Perhaps the best comment on this point is offered by Secretary of State Dulles yesterday at the Joint Committee Hearings, in which he said: "...until we have a clearer idea of how the international discussions on the President's proposal will evolve, we are not in a position to state that the bill contains all the authority which will ultimately be required. However, the language of the proposed bills does not offer any obstacles to the President's proposal and lays the general groundwork needed to implement it."

4. Marco Salisbury indicates that there is a concerted attempt by Democratic members of the Joint Committee to isolate the international sections of the legislation for action at this session and to defer action on the domestic sections until the next session of Congress. The expectation, of course, is that the next Congress will be Democratic and would establish a somewhat different position with respect to encouragement of private development of nuclear power resources.

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