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TO : EO - Mr. Staats

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SUBJECT: Robert S. Allen Article on ICBM as it bears



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1. Many of the points raised in the attached article, which was forwarded to me for comment, seem to be in line with the lack of emphasizing some of the current nuclear energy prospects, although the latter statement may be susceptible of argument.

2. For example, "For months the Committee, headed by [redacted] has been trying to get a controversial report on the defenses of the country against atomic attack." This is confirmed by Representative Gold's remarks at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, April 29, 1957 in which he criticized the slow development of the early warning line across Northern Canada as follows: "Scarcely a week goes by but that we are not reassured through newspaper press releases that these negotiations are proceeding harmoniously and satisfactorily, and with the sense of urgency which the situation demands. We cannot detect enemy planes with our radar or our satellites."

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

4. Morse Salisbury indicated that there is a concerted effort by Democratic members of the Joint Committee to expedite the internal and external sections of the legislation for action at this session and to expedite action on the domestic sections until the next session of Congress. The implication, of course, is that the next Congress will be Democratic and will take a somewhat different position with respect to the program for the development of nuclear power reactors.

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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 line 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 sets the general groundwork needed to implement it."

4. Morse 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 entertain a somewhat different position with respect to encouragement of private development of nuclear power resources.

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