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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of OSI Working Group on German High Energy
Project and Missile Information Program, 23-24 January 1954,
1954, 23-24 Jan, 1954, Executive Order 10450

- PRESENT: STATE - Mr. George [unclear]
- DEFENSE - Dr. [unclear]
- CIA - Absent
- FOA - Col. [unclear]
- USIA - Mr. [unclear]
- ODM - Mr. [unclear]
- AEC - Mr. [unclear]
- FCLA - Dr. [unclear]
- OSI - Mr. [unclear]

In the absence of the State Department Conference, the meeting was held to report on the status of current projects.

1. Bonn Request for AEC Speakers

AEC is awaiting final request from WEAT (German) for technical personnel desired and the conditions of their employment in order to satisfy Bonn's request for speakers to participate in the peaceful application of atomic energy with a minimum of publicity.

2. Weather Bureau Statement on Meteorological Effects of 1954 Tests

At the request of the Executive Director for Intelligence, the Weather Bureau has prepared a paper designed for public release denying that nuclear tests have observable effects on the weather. AEC member of the Working Group agreed to review the draft with Defense, CIA, USIA, and FCLA. Action of the group will determine what follow-up action will be required. It was agreed that the non-technical language explanation be prepared by [unclear]. The Bureau arrived at this conclusion after having received [unclear].

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3. Marshall Islands Problem

AEC advised that it was sending a medical team to the Marshall Islands to follow up on the care and recovery of the Marshallese who fell during the recent test series. AEC also advised that through the assistance of Commissioner Murray, the Catholic Bishop for the Marshall Islands had been given 26 motion picture prints on various subjects dealing with peaceful applications of nuclear energy which would be distributed to various Island parishes during the next six months.



4. "Ban the A-Bomb Except in Cases of Aggression"

State advised that the policy basis for this theme was derived from Department instructions, concurring in by Defense, as to the UN Committee on Disarmament during its recent London sessions and as also reference to the U.K. May 21, 1954. It was reported that the Special Committee of the NSC (Secretaries of State, Defense, Chairman and the Director) discussed the possibility of obtaining this theme in the Presidential speech at Shipping Port, Va., September 12, 1954. It was noted that 100,000 copies of a speech by Moorehead Pattersen, a former member of the UN Disarmament Committee, would be distributed specifically to be followed by a UNIA report on disarmament and its progress. After discussion, the group desired to record its view that such a speech with reservations still existed as to the wisdom of such a theme at this time.

5. Draft No. 4 "The U.S. in the Nuclear Age"

The group agreed to analyze draft No. 4 "The U.S. in the Nuclear Age" and to examine its applicability in the light of current problems, including legislative action on the amendment of the Atomic Energy Act, 1946. It was agreed that this would be done by the Chairman at an early meeting.

6. Announcement of Soviet Tests

The group agreed that from the standpoint of world opinion, it would be advisable to consider reintroducing the issue of Soviet weapon testing into public awareness. This would be done by a summary announcement of various Soviet tests conducted in 1953 and their global effects. It was agreed that consideration should be given to devising a means for having such an announcement made by the U.S. as well as the U.S. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed with the Chairman at the next meeting.

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7. "Defense Against Soviet Aggression"

The group agreed to explore further the idea of using official U.S. speeches where there is some reference to "Soviet Aggression" as justification for various U.S. military and defense programs. It was agreed that constant repetition would be necessary in order to achieve any degree of world peace.

USIA agreed to brief Mr. Fairbairn on this problem. It will be raised with the appropriate principals at the next meeting.

8. Check List of Actions to Reduce World Antagonism to U.S. Nuclear Weapons Tests

Paper on the above subject, prepared by the group's representative, was circulated to the group for consideration at the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 10th of the month.

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