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Dear "Stubby":

Admiral Radford has now been able to get in touch with Chairman Shert, who has indicated that he will nominate you and Mr. Durham as the representatives of the House Armed Services Committee to attend the briefing by Mr. Sprague. Perhaps you will speak to Mr. Durham as well.

Accordingly, I have revised and attach hereto the memorandum relative to the Sprague briefings, which we looked at yesterday when you were in my office.

Other copies go to Senator Saltonstall, Admiral Radford, General Hodge, and Mr. Sprague, as a guiding statement of the arrangements.

The cooperation of yourself, and the others concerned, in simplifying this rather complicated undertaking is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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to the President

The Honorable W. Sterling Cole  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

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1. Reference is made to the "Full Report" and to the "Summary Report". Reference to the latter means the original draft as revised by Mr. Sprague in accordance with suggestions heretofore agreed upon, including the three introductory paragraphs suggested by DOD. The only copy of the "Full Report" and a copy of the "Summary Report" will be presented by Senator Saltonstall and Mr. Sprague to the President at an appropriate time, to be arranged by Mr. Cutler.

2. After Senator Saltonstall has advised Senator Russell, Mr. Sprague will brief the full Senate Armed Services Committee in executive session, subject to the following:

- a. Suggested date: March 25.
- b. The Chairman will state the security limitations upon which the briefing is given: no written record, no publication or publicity, no disclosure to the press or otherwise; and that Mr. Sprague has been granted security clearance by the Military and Intelligence Advisers of NSC, for this purpose, with the understanding that he shall have the right not to reply to questions extending beyond his presentation.
- c. Mr. Sprague's briefing (2 - 3 hours) will be based on the "Summary Report".
- d. Admiral Radford, at the beginning of the briefing, will make a brief statement of Mr. Sprague's background, qualifications, and specific knowledge.

3. After this briefing, Senator Saltonstall may at any time he elects publicly issue the statement which Admiral Radford has cleared with the Canadian General Staff (General Foulkes).

4. In order to meet Chairman Cole's request relative to continental defense, and with clearance by the Military and Intelligence Advisers of NSC and the agreement of Senator Saltonstall, Mr. Sprague is willing to brief a "select committee" of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in executive session, subject to the following:

- a. Suggested date: March 26. (If return of personnel from Pacific is delayed, it may be necessary for Mr. Cole to request a postponement until March 29).
- b. The Chairman will state the security limitations upon which the briefing is given: no written record.

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- d. Mr. Sprague's briefing (about 8 hours) will be based upon a somewhat shortened version of his Full Report (which takes over 12 hours).
- e. The "select committee" will consist of Chairman Cole and two other Committee members selected by him (note that Senator Russell of this Committee has already received the briefing); plus General Quesada, as the Committee's Consultant, and Mr. Allardyce, the Committee's Staff Director.

5. In order to minimize the burden on Mr. Sprague and to utilize available information most economically, Chairman Short of the House Armed Services Committee has advised (through Admiral Radford) that he will nominate Congressmen Cole and Purham, as members of the House Armed Services Committee, to represent that Committee at the briefing mentioned in par. 4. This arrangement is agreeable to all the other interested parties.

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