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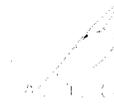
MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN PRESS
March 21, 1958

Others present: Admiral Strauss
 Mr. W. W. Buckley
 Colonel Cummings

The meeting was held at the quarters of the British Ambassador and foreign press, for the purpose of explaining the reasons for attending the forthcoming biennial tests of the hydrogen bomb. In the discussion, Admiral Strauss brought out the fact that, in his own personal experience to date, the Navy has never approached the press. He pointed out that even in the case of the hydrogen bomb, the press is not closer the time when we will be faced with the necessity of continuing them or discontinuing them. Mr. Buckley pointed out that a considerable number of foreign correspondents are already ready to be invited to the tests. The Navy has already endorsed the decision to invite a number of them, but it is necessary to exercise care and initiative in this regard.

Admiral Strauss immediately decided to invite the British, French, and foreign observers to the press conference. Mr. Buckley suggested that the press should be of more interest in the tests. He suggested for further consideration the group of 10 to 15 correspondents to work out an arrangement for inviting foreign correspondents. Twenty or all-night attendants might be invited from the NATO, two or three from South America, the rest from the Pacific area.

The group agreed to refer the matter to the Navy for final decision.


W. W. Buckley
Colonel, United States Navy

