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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Subcommittee of OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and Related Information Programs, held 2 p.m., in Mr. Morse Salisbury's Office, Atomic Energy Commission, May 15, 1956

Working Group Members Present:

- AEC - Mr. Morse Salisbury
- USIA - Mr. Joseph Hanson
- FCDA - Mr. Harold Goodwin
- OCB - Mr. Richard Hirsch

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Others Present:

- State - Mr. George Spiegel
- Defense - Col. D. L. Crowson, USAF
- AEC - Mr. Chris Henderson
- National Academy of Sciences - Mr. Charles Campbell
- " " " " - Mr. Eugene Kone

After discussion of the problems involved in the manner and timing of the public release of information on the National Academy of Sciences' Radiation Study on June 12, 1956, it was agreed that:

- (1) Advance copies of the 30-page popular summary of the reports of the six technical committees (genetics, pathological effects, agriculture and food supply, oceanography and fisheries, disposal and dispersal of radioactive wastes, and meteorological problems) would be furnished on an embargo basis to State and USIA on or about June 1 so that notification and guidance could be furnished to overseas missions, particularly in Japan, India and Indonesia. USUN would also be included in view of the Trusteeship Council meeting in June.
- (2) State will consider furnishing copies to individual members of the UN Scientific Committee on Radiation.
- (3) Civil Defense, State, USIA and AEC would inform the National Academy of Sciences of their requirements for bulk orders so that consolidated printing of the 30-page summary could be arranged.
- (4) State would furnish the National Academy of Sciences with a list of foreign news media representatives who might be interested in covering the release.
- (5) NAS and AEC would cooperate in sending advance copies to the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

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