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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and
Related Information Programs (Including
NSC 5431/1)

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Thirteenth Meeting Held 11 a.m., Jan. 27, 1955,
Room 7258, New State Building.

Working Group Members Present

State	- Mr. Gerard Smith, Chairman
	Mr. Philip J. Farley (Alternate)
USIA	- Mr. Joseph Hanson
FCDA	- Mr. Charles E. Pearce
ODM	- Mr. David Z. Beckler
OCB	- Mr. Richard Hirsch

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Others Present

CIA	- [.....]
Defense	- Major Niel M. Wreidt

1. Draft press release and the Information Plan for the Nevada Test Site open shot were reviewed by the Group, and it was agreed that certain language changes which would place the release in more appropriate context would be developed by USIA and AEC. The Information Plan was approved with the understanding that appropriate revisions would be accomplished if foreign press observers were permitted to attend.

2. The ODM representative raised the question of the publicity which should be accorded certain other shots in the series which had a more definite defensive implication. It was agreed that this was primarily a matter for Department of Defense judgment, and the Defense representative was requested to be prepared to discuss this point at a subsequent meeting.

3. Foreign Observers Program. The Chairman advised that the general agreement had been reached that foreign observers would be present at the open shot of the test series, and that the State Department would decide on appropriate invitees, excluding either Soviet or satellite representation. It was understood that the list of invitees would be submitted to the Defense Department not later than February 10, and that publicity would be withheld until the invitations were issued towards the end of February. The Group agreed that foreign press representation for the open shot should be held to wire service and network representation not to exceed ten in all. It was agreed that details concerning this would be worked out between USIA, AEC, and FCDA.

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3. Argonne Reactor School Ceremonies. It was agreed that an appropriate ceremony might be developed along the following lines: (a) a dinner to be sponsored by the University of Chicago at a University dining room; (b) principal speakers to be the leading figure associated with U.S. interests in the international peacetime applications of nuclear energy - either Ambassador Patterson or Chairman Strauss; (c) a leading foreign scientific speaker from a nation represented in the student body; (d) a spokesman from the student body; (e) in addition to the students, country representation at the dinner would probably be by the ambassadors concerned.

5. The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Thursday, February 10, at 11 a.m., in room 7258 New State.

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Richard Hirsch
OCB Staff Representative

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