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



Tenth Meeting Held 10:00 a.m.  
December 28, 1954, in Room 7258, New State,  
Office of the Chairman

Working Group Members Present

State - Gerard C. Smith, Chairman  
Defense - Maj. Gen. Herbert B. Loper, USA Ret.  
          Dr. Stefan T. Possony, Alternate  
FOA - Mr. Robert E. Matteson  
FCDA - Mr. Charles E. Pearce  
OCB - Mr. Richard Hirsch

Others Present

State - Mr. George Spiegel  
USIA - Mr. Fred Bundy  
AEC - Mr. Charter Heslip

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1. Review of draft Special Report on the U.S. Interim Program.

Part one of the draft Special Report was approved by the Group. It was agreed that the AEC would make a public announcement of the various programs within ten days, and would coordinate the timing of the release with USIA. It was further agreed that high-level ceremonies should mark the opening of the Reactor School at Argonne on or about March 20, 1955, and that an invitation might be extended to Mr. Rockefeller to speak at the ceremonies in view of its significance to the President's Program. Detailed information plan for the opening of the school will be prepared by AEC for review by the Working Group.

2. Information Planning for International Conference.

After discussion by the Working Group, State agreed to advise Dr. Rabi with respect to the importance of having information problems kept to the fore at the first meeting of the Secretary General's Advisory Committee, which will be held in New York January 17. Special consideration would be given to the designation of an information task force to be present at the Conference itself.

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3. AEC Information Plan for the Nevada Proving Ground Test.

The paper was distributed by the AEC for study by the Working Group and discussion at the next meeting. In discussion of publicity with respect to a mid-April open shot scheduled for Civil Defense purposes, to which NATO observers might be invited, the Group recognized that the negative impact of nuclear tests could not be minimized unless such tests were accompanied by comprehensive and understandable statements on the beneficial international security results which such tests have had in the past, plus repeated authoritative statements describing the necessity for the continuation of such tests in the interests of free world security. It was felt that invitations to foreign observers to view portions of the test series would assist in minimizing foreign antagonisms to such tests.

4. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5, at 11 a.m., in the office of the Chairman, room 7258 New State.

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Richard Hirsch  
OCB Staff Representative

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