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Dear Mr. President:

I have just returned from the second series of meetings of the United Nations Advisory Committee to the Secretary-General on the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at which I had the honor of serving under your appointment as the representative of the United States.

I have prepared a detailed report for the Department of State on these meetings, but I wish to report to you the two most significant developments:

1. In contrast to the first meeting of the Committee, the Soviet representative was amicable and cooperative. He introduced only one slightly discordant political note in his effort to include M. Joliot-Curie as one of the evening lecturers at the Conference. When opposition developed to this, he did not press his proposal. I mention this marked change of attitude since it may have political significance, and may have been adopted by the Soviets to underline a change of view on their part.

2. The Soviet contribution of Abstracts for the Conference represents the most important lifting of the Iron Curtain on Soviet scientific progress and development in recent years. It gives us, for the first time, a firm idea of where the Soviets stand in nuclear research. From this standpoint alone, the Conference is well worth our own investment in it.

From what we have already gained and from the results almost certain to flow from the Conference, I assure you that your initiative in starting this United Nations Conference will receive a rich and full response from all the countries and peoples of the world.

Respectfully yours,

I. I. Rabi
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The President
of the United States.

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