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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH
COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. MURRAY
(Atomic Energy Commission)

Commissioner Murray said very frankly that he came to see me to tell me that he hoped to be reappointed. He said that he knew that there were differences between him and Chairman Strauss, but he did not consider that they were of a character which impeded the effective functioning of the Agency. Furthermore, he felt that on many matters he could command an influence in the Congress which was useful and that he honestly felt that Strauss and the Agency would get along better with him than without him.

I said that the question of reappointment was not a matter within my jurisdiction and that I did not feel that I could intervene in this subject any more than I would expect Chairman Strauss to intervene in State Department personnel matters. I, of course, did not object to his having talked to me in view of our personal friendship and that I would, of course, take note of what he had said, but I doubted that my views in any respect would be sought, and certainly not volunteered.

cc Herter
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