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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH ADMIRAL STRAUSS
Tuesday, June 17, 1958 - 4:30 p. m.

He showed me a letter to the President giving some details as to the prospective Pacific tests and also for scheduling a certain number of underground tests in Nevada, probably during October. The President had endorsed the letter with his approval, but Strauss said in doing so the President had asked that it not be regarded as definitive unless I approved. I said that I did approve, although I did not want to see our freedom of action so limited that we would be unable, if it proved desirable, to agree to a suspension of testing after the Pacific series was over. Strauss said the nature of the Nevada series was such that there would be no particular embarrassment or large waste of money if the test was called off.



I showed Admiral Strauss a suggested letter from the President to him with reference to his serving as a Special Presidential Assistant under the general direction of the Secretary of State and indicating that he would be asked to serve as Chairman of the US Delegation to the Second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva this September. Mr. Strauss said that he found this quite acceptable. He indicated he would also like to head the US Delegation to Vienna a little later on, as he had done the preceding year. He said he had cleared this with John McCone. I said I was not aware of any obstacle to this.

I said I might want to ask Admiral Strauss to go with me to Brazil in the first part of August if there were nuclear power projects there which were worth his concern. He said he thought it might be useful for him to go. They were in an "off again, on again" mood, but he thought that while I was doing other business, he could usefully work on this with the Brazilians. I said this was merely an idea I had not staffed, and I would let him know about it shortly. I thanked him for his willingness.

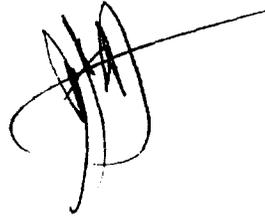
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Admiral Strauss said he wanted to make it clear that as a Special Assistant in these atomic matters he was not going to compete with the State Department but would operate under my guidance and that he would not attempt to create a staff of his own beyond a personal secretary.



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