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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group on the Energy Problem
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Twenty-Five Building, Room 4100, Washington, D.C.
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Working Group Members Present

- State - Philip J. Farley / Acting Director
- Defense - Major Gen. Herbert H. Brown, USA (Ret.)
- Dr. Stefan L. Bergman / Director
- FOA - Mr. Robert Matheson
- USIA - Mr. Joseph Barnes
- AEC - Mr. Morse Ballinger
- FCDA - Mr. Theodore H. White, Director
- OCF - Mr. Richard F. ...

Others Present

- State - Mr. Richard F. ...

1. Review of Board action on the Courses of Action paper. Working Group noted that the Courses of Action paper had been referred to the Group by the Board for further consideration of specific recommended actions in the light of the forthcoming Joint Committee on Atomic Energy hearings. It was agreed that the Board should also refer the paper to USIA on Joint Committee testimony that specific guidance would be forthcoming with respect to particular problems and not having a general guidance formulated at this time. General guidance out that the United States was concerned with two types of propaganda reactions: (1) A deliberate attempt to propagate false information of the facts. This challenge will require examination by the State and those to be forthcoming at the Joint Committee hearings. (2) Well-intentioned individuals who are in possession of only part of the facts and give out their own partial viewings rather than their knowledge. A very serious reaction of the latter group could be dealt with by publicizing the full facts, such as the National Academy of Sciences report on the atomic bomb, long task, however, and the availability of this latter group should be eliminated over night. In discussion of this latter problem, the Group agreed that the State Department should inform the French Embassy regarding the possibility of making the criticism of the Duke de Broglie more explicit in the newly appointed report to his attention.

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2. Status of information planning for the International Conference

AEC Member reported that an ad hoc group composed of [illegible] members had been established to coordinate the detailed planning of information operations which will be conducted by the International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy [illegible].

(a) the type of organization which would be required to disseminate information designed for general public consumption on selected subjects developed by U.S. papers at the Conference. (b) coordinating propaganda moves of unfriendly nations which might occur during the Conference. The ad hoc group also [illegible] problems which might arise from the Paris meeting [illegible] of the U.S. Secretary of Energy and his Seven-nation Advisory Committee. In the light of [illegible] experience, the group was urging the authorities to [illegible] a [illegible] communique disclosing the discussion of the Advisory Committee and impose a silence which the U.S. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. The Group agreed that details of the program for the Conference should not be the direct responsibility of the group, but that AEC [illegible] its problems with the Working Group. [illegible] this [illegible] OCB informed. It was noted that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] information, as well as public [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The AEC member then reported progress of the technical aspects of the Conference, including the receipt of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shipment in late June or early July, the preparation of [illegible] packets for each delegate, and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the various reactors in the U.S. [illegible].

3. Coordination of information for IAEA Action 1954

It was noted that any judgments as to the best way to obtain maximum [illegible] logical advantage from announcements of this program [illegible] determination of scheduling of [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] view that initial announcements should be held in [illegible] [illegible] the U.S. has decided to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advantageous to have this announcement made by [illegible] [illegible] Geneva this summer, and that a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] interest in this proposal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

4. Progress report on the IAEA [illegible]

It was noted that there had been a significant [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] field during 1954 which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. However, since 1954 was a year of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] view of the expected developments [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be reasonably anticipated that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stimulated in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

5. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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