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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and
Related Information Programs (Including
NSC 5507/2).
Thirty-third Meeting Held 2 p.m., October 31,
7258 New State Building



Working Group Members Present:

- State - Mr. Gerard C. Smith, Chairman
- Mr. Philip J. Farley, Alternate
- CIA - Alternate
- USIA - Mr. Joseph O. Hanson
- AEC - Mr. Morse Salisbury
- ICA - Mr. Steen McCall
- ODM - Mr. David Z. Beckler
- OCB - Mr. Richard Hirsch

Others Present:

- State - Mr. Philip Burrus
- Defense - Major Richard Orphan
- AEC - Mr. Charter Heslep

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1. After discussion of the outline of the six-months Progress Report, it was agreed that draft submissions would be developed and submitted to the OCB Staff Representative by COB November 9, as follows:

Section A, paragraph 1 a. to g. - by the OCB Staff Representative.

h. (1) - (5), by Mr. Hanson, USIA.

i. - Mr. Heslep, AEC.

Para 2 b. - by the OCB Staff Representative.

Sections B and C - each member of the Working Group, in accordance with his agency's interest in the program.

2. Discussion brought out the following:

(a) One of the most important post-Geneva actions affecting future climate of opinion with respect to U.S. purposes in the atoms-for-peace field will be specific U.S. proposals to insure continued supplies of enriched materials.

(b) Contrary to the press speculation that the Geneva Conference had diminished the future role of the International Agency, the

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latter was now more important than ever in view of the problem of control of nuclear materials to prevent diversion from peaceful uses.

(c) Problems involving future study and training programs should be included in the Report.

(d) National Academy of Science's radiation study due in April 1956 will have an important bearing on climate of opinion with respect to future U.S. weapons tests.

(e) Note should be taken of the extent to which the United States may have over-sold the atoms-for-peace program and steps being taken to correct this trend.

(f) Developments with respect to Western European programs for a common gaseous diffusion facility are not considered to be climate of opinion item relevant to the OCB Progress Report on Nuclear Energy, but might be considered a substantive item to be dealt with in an OCB report on Western Europe.

(g) Mention should be made of the expected climate of opinion difficulties when the full extent of the AEC security requirements regarding implementation of the bilateral agreements becomes publicly known.

(h) Attention should be drawn to the role of Civil Defense in disaster relief, and that from this standpoint the proposed change of name to Federal Disaster Agency would be desirable.

(i) Mention should be made of world expectations with respect to controlled thermonuclear reaction.

(j) The climate of opinion impact of the January 1956 report of the Special Committee on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy should be noted

3. It was further agreed that the CIA representative would submit an appraisal of possibilities of Soviet actions in the atomic field, including such weapons developments as multimegaton tests.

4. The next meeting will be held on the call of the Chairman.

/s/

Richard Hirsch
OCB Staff Representative

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