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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and Related Information Programs (Including NSC 5507/2) Thirty-Ninth Meeting held 11 a.m., May 4, 1956, Room 7264, New State Building

Working Group Members Present:

- State - Mr. Philip J. Farley, Acting Chairman
- CIA - Representative present for part of the meeting.
- AEC - Admiral Paul F. Foster
- " - Mr. Morse Salisbury
- USIA - Mr. John Z. Williams
- OCB - Mr. Richard Hirsch

Others Present:

- State - Mr. Philip H. Burris
- Defense - Major Richard Orphan
- ICA - Mr. Robert Bruskin

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1. OCB Progress Report Due June 4, 1956.

The group discussed the draft outline prepared by the OCB Staff Representative and agreed upon assignments of responsibility for contributions to be submitted to the OCB Staff Representative by c.o.b. May 16, 1956. It was further agreed that a financial annex would be prepared showing obligations through FY 1958. A revised draft outline based on the discussion of this item is attached.

2. Coordination of Public Announcements on Implementation of Bilateral Agreements.

The Working Group noted the Acting Chairman's statement that it would be desirable to arrive at an informal understanding with respect to the problem of coordinating departmental and agency announcements of the various phases of implementation of research and power bilateral agreements. It was recognized that the manner and timing of such announcements should be developed to insure maximum cooperation by the receiving governments in securing appropriate publicity overseas. It was agreed that informal consultation on specific announcements would take place among interested areas in State, AEC, U.S. Information Agency, and ICA.

3. USIA Preparation for 84-Nation Conference on the Charter of the International Atomic Energy Negotiations.

Subsequent to the formal meeting, the U.S. Information Agency Representative stated that he would explore with graphic specialists the possibility of developing a special exhibit for the above-mentioned conference which

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would illustrate the types of activities the Agency might be called upon to perform.

4. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman on or about May 21 to review contributions to the progress report.



Richard Hirsch  
OCB Staff Representative

Attachment:

Revised Draft Outline of  
Progress Report, dtd 5/4/56.

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REVISED DRAFT OUTLINEPROGRESS REPORT ON NUCLEAR ENERGY PROJECTS AND RELATED  
INFORMATION PROGRAMS (INCLUDING NSC 5507/2)

Ref: (a) NSC 5507/2 Approved by the President March 12, 1955;  
Implementation Assigned to the Secretary of State and  
Chairman, AEC, Advising with OCB.

(b) NSC Action 1360 Approved by the President March 26, 1955.

Period Covered: December 22, 1955 through June 15, 1956.

A. LISTING OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING CLIMATE OF OPINION DURING THE  
PERIOD

1. The following actions and decisions with climate of opinion significance were taken by agencies in accordance with NSC 5507/2, which provides for implementation by the Secretary of State and the Chairman, AEC, advising with the OCB in order to insure that proposed actions in the field result in maximum U.S. psychological advantage:

- a. Availability of U-235 for Sale or Lease Abroad. (AEC)
- b. Assistance to Asian Nuclear Energy Center. (ICA)
- c. Assistance in Power Reactor Technology. (AEC)
- d. Research Reactor Assistance. (AEC)
- e. Exchange of Information. (AEC)
- f. International Atomic Energy Agency Negotiations. (State)
- g. UN Scientific Committee on Radiation. (AEC)
- h. EURATOM, OEEC, ECOSOC, and Other International Organization  
Activities. (State)
- i. Major USIA Actions in Support of Atoms-for-Peace Programs,  
Including Trade Fairs. (USIA)

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2. Action by OCB on the Manner and Timing of Statements on Nuclear Weapons.

In accordance with NSC Action 1360, and in response to requests from the responsible agencies, OCB advice was formulated with respect to:

- a. Manner and timing of announcements on the resumption of nuclear weapons tests at the Pacific Proving Grounds - Operation REDWING.
- b. Participation of press and foreign observers in Operation REDWING.
- c. Announcement of declassification of atomic capability of 8-inch howitzer.
- d. Manner and timing of ODM-DOD-FCDA nationwide readiness exercise, July 1956.

(OCB Staff Representative)

B. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING PROGRESS IN RELATION TO MAJOR NSC OBJECTIVES

3. (The Objectives of NSC 5507/2 which are of particular interest to OCB in the light of its advisory role in ensuring that proposed actions in the field result in maximum U.S. psychological advantage are:

- a. Using U.S. leadership, particularly in the development and application of atomic power, to promote cohesion within the free world and to forestall successful Soviet exploitation of the peaceful uses of atomic energy to attract the allegiance of the uncommitted peoples of the world.
- b. Increasing progress in developing and applying the peaceful uses of atomic energy by the free nations abroad. )

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C. MAJOR PROBLEMS OR AREAS OF DIFFICULTY



4. UN Activities, Including 84-Nation Meeting on Charter for the International Atomic Energy Agency. (State)

5. World Public Opinion Impact of Nuclear Weapons Activities of Major Powers. (USIA)

6. Soviet Peaceful Uses Activities, Including Disclosures of Progress in Controlled Thermonuclear Reactions. (State, CIA)

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