

3. Embassy note of June 28 accepted conference invitation "at mutually agreeable date in autumn of this year" (Department's 2875, paragraph B). We are thus committed to conference, both officially as well as informally in Boss-Donaldson conversations for AEC with Japanese scientists, but we are not bound to specific date.

4. Since our acceptance, following developments have occurred which Department and AEC should carefully consider:

(A) Neither Tsuzuki visit to US or Boss and Donaldson's extended efforts with Japanese scientists have produced publicly more responsible scientific attitudes here.

(B) FUKURYU MARU claims have not yet been settled, and Japanese scientific extravagance may not be unrelated to hoped for compensation. Ranking Japanese Government officials are still publicly insinuating US is resisting claims for "legitimate indirect damages" of several million dollars.

(C) Against Geneva background which has given pro-Communists, pacifists, and neutralists here much encouragement, this year's Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversaries were most elaborate to date. Their overtones were not friendly.

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site. This would permit: (A) Foreign Office screening of politically undesirable JSC attendants; (B) somewhat greater control of press relations; (C) more cooperative appearance of half-way

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of half-way meeting. We do not know whether Honolulu or tacit change in sponsorship would be acceptable to JSC. We could suggest reason for change was that by autumn date we had in mind something later in year than early September and it is not possible assemble top-flight delegation to come to Tokyo so soon. If we were able offer air transportation to Japanese participants and press, case for Honolulu would be strengthened.

7. In view tenuous officials character JSC and its current quarrel with AEUPIC, we recommend that, wherever conference site, US representatives be ~~predominantly academic rather~~ > than official and not include high-ranking AEC representatives. Our academic representatives should if possible be prominent scientists, whose names have prestige value in Japan; they should, of course, be carefully selected for their knowledge of US foreign policy objectives. In particular they should be familiar both with our UN disarmament proposals and with distinctions between US and Soviet projects for international control of atomic energy. They should be prepared to discuss both publicly and privately responsibilities and relationships of scientists and government research and development programs.

8. At some later date we wish suggest meeting between ranking AEC officials and Japanese Government AEUPIC representatives. We should not now appear throw our full weight behind JSC and its unworldly or mischievous political attitudes but should reserve our support for AEUPIC if it develops responsibly. It seems particularly important, now that we may have new atomic energy legislation, to attempt create impression we are prepared for fuller measure cooperation in future once an improved Japanese internal security system is in effect.

9. USIS concurs this telegram. Appreciate comments and instructions soonest.

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