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Text of press statement on autumn conference follows. Propose release here 6 p.m. June 30.

QUOTE

The United States Government has accepted an invitation from the Science Council of Japan to participate in a meeting with members of the Council's Radiation Effects Special Committee on the general subject of radioactivity in relation to human health and on scientific procedures for detecting, measuring and guarding against its presence in the environment.

The acceptance was communicated to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a note verbale delivered by a representative of the American Embassy in reply to an earlier note received from the Ministry extending the invitation on behalf of the Science Council.

The United States, the Embassy declared in its note, will send "a delegation of senior American scientists expert in these fields to Tokyo for such a conference at a mutually agreeable date in autumn of this year."

The projected meeting, an Embassy spokesman pointed out, represents a continuation and expansion of cooperation between scientists of both nations in sharing knowledge of radiation and procedures for safeguarding against it. This cooperation, the spokesman added, has been demonstrated during recent months. He pointed out that at the request of the Japanese Government the United States has provided the aid of physicians and biologists through the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission staff and through the consultative services of United States Atomic Energy Commission specialists Merrill Eisenbud, W.R. Boss and L.R. Donaldson. The latter two scientists have been in Japan for the past month conferring with their Japanese colleagues on methods of identifying the extent of radiation in fish.

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The full text of the Embassy's note follows:

QUOTE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Ministry's note A-5, No. 939 of June 10, 1954, transmitting an invitation from the Science Council of Japan for a meeting on the subject of radioactivity between United States representatives and members of the Radiation Effects Investigation Special Committee of the Council.

The Embassy, under instructions from the United States Government, is pleased to accept the invitation of the Science Council of Japan for a conference on the general subject of radioactivity in relation to human health and on scientific procedures for detecting, measuring and guarding against its presence in the environment. The United States Government will send a delegation of senior American scientists expert in these fields to Tokyo for such a conference at a mutually agreeable date in autumn of this year.

The Embassy believes that this conference will continue and expand cooperation between United States and Japanese science for sharing the knowledge about radiation and procedures for safeguarding against it which exists in both nations.

The Embassy will be pleased to conclude formal arrangements for the conference at the convenience of the Ministry.

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