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3. Embassy officer asked whether Japanese Government would participate in any way in conference in view fact US would send AEC representatives. Nakagawa replied they thought it best for Japanese Government to "lie low", but later supplemented remark by pointing out JSC had quasi-official character as scientific advisor to government. To question re medical topics, Nakagawa thought they could be eliminated if US insisted. We suggested Embassy would of course transmit to Washington whatever invitation received. Nakagawa asked that no action be taken until Foreign Office receives text JSC invitation expected very soon. We agreed this preferable.

4. Conference formula leaves something to be desired, but Embassy believes importance of promoting useful scientific interchanges outweighs political deficiencies of proposed arrangements. Although government crisis has at least temporarily ousted Bikini accident from front pages, much harmful emotionalism remains fed by nation-wide agitation on H-bomb themes. Proposed scientific meeting seems one of most helpful remedies for situation which continues impose severe strain on US-Japanese relations.

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