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In the course of discussion at Meeting 977 on April 16, 1954 Dr. Rabi was asked if the General Advisory Committee would make a recommendation as to the desirability of conducting an atomic test under adverse weather conditions. Dr. Rabi indicated that the GAC has made recommendations on this subject and this office was asked to locate the GAC recommendation.

A review of the Reports and Minutes of the Thirty-nine GAC Meetings indicates that, although the GABRIEL problem has been discussed on several occasions with specific mention of the local hazard that might result from an atomic detonation in bad weather, there has been no GAC recommendation concerning the detonation of an atomic weapon under adverse weather conditions. Dr. Fine, who agrees with these findings, discussed the matter with Dr. Rabi on April 21. Dr. Rabi said that he had not meant to imply that a written GAC recommendation had been made, but that the matter had been discussed with the Commission, presumably during a GAC session. R Review of the GAC minutes does not indicate any specific recorded discussion of the matter.

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Write letter to Rabi asking for recommendations.

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