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Patents Coming Out of S-1 and PB Work

In going over some of the background of contacts with the British in this field for Dr. Conant, I looked up the attached paper which represents the results of a meeting which took place in England, presumably while Urey and Pegram were there. It is apparent from this that the intention in Great Britain is that the Government should own and control all patents in the nuclear energy field, which are taken out in Great Britain. This memorandum is also apparently an inquiry as to whether the U.S. Government intends to do the same thing.

In checking with Stewart, I find that the contracts in the S-1 and PB field carry the usual patent clause (Long form), which provides for a free license to the Government but retention of commercial rights by the contractor.

I assume that as a result of subsequent deliberation here, it was decided that the Government would not endeavor to control the patents in this field. I spoke to Dr. Conant about this, and he said that he did not recall discussions of this matter, and stated that since he was not familiar with patents, he had in general left that angle of the problem to you. Perhaps you have already seen the attached memo.

I was prompted to look up this paper because of my discussions with you concerning somebody to aid Coe in surveying the background and prior art in this field.

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