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MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT
January 13, 1956, 10:00 AM

Others present: Admiral Strauss
 Secretary Dulles
 Secretary Humphrey
 Secretary Wilson
 Mr. Dillon Anderson
 Colonel Goodpaster.

The meeting was concerned with Admiral Strauss' proposal that the President allocate 20,000 kgs. of U-235 for atomic power purposes for a period extending through and beyond the next ten years. After discussion of this quantity in relation to quantities for military uses and quantities to be made available under suitable arrangements to our allies, general agreement with the proposal was indicated, and the President signed the allocation.

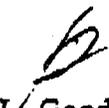
Admiral Strauss said that he would inform the Joint Atomic Energy Committee of Congress as to this allocation. After discussion of the best means of making this allocation known publicly, it was the consensus of the group that the best course was to include, in statements relating to contracts for providing atomic fuel for power enterprises, an indication of the amounts of U-235 involved in each project, thus releasing the information gradually and in connection with specific, definite projects.

Secretary Dulles asked whether it would not be desirable to make and announce an allocation of a substantial amount, additional to previous allocations, for peaceful uses including power production by our allies. The appropriateness of this action in relation to the situation of the British, in particular, was mentioned. After discussion there was consensus that there would be great value in an early announcement of an allocation in the order of 1000 kgs intended to further peaceful uses of the atom and stimulate atomic power development.

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