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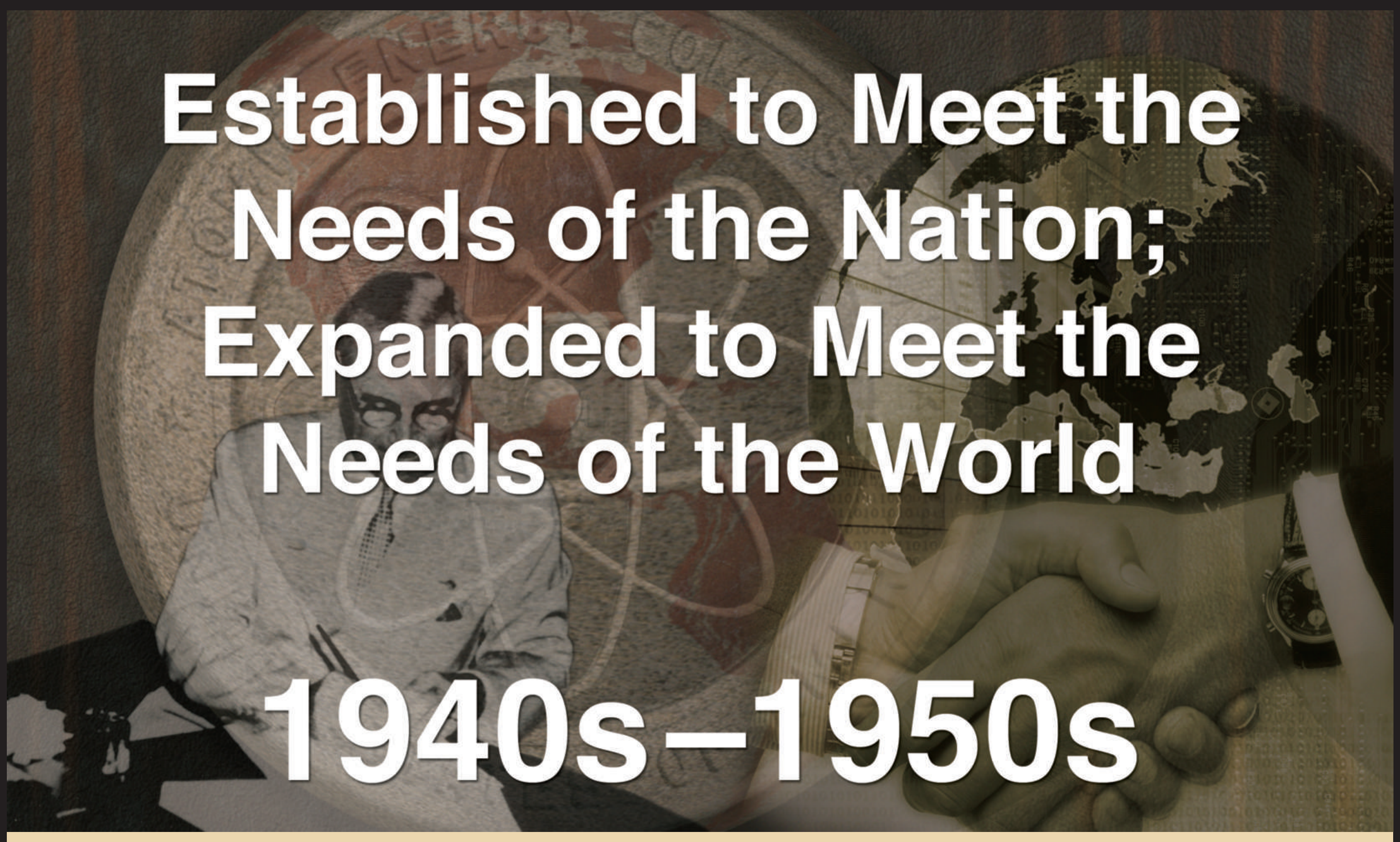

1946 Atomic Energy Act created the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) to foster the peaceful uses of atomic energy and set up a way to transfer scientific and technical information (STI) to the private sector

1947 Technical Information Division (TID), precursor of OSTI, was established to manage and maintain information pursuant to the Manhattan Project

1948 Nuclear Science Abstracts periodical introduced

1950 AEC Depository Library system established to make AEC report literature available

1951 Large film distribution program was started

1952 Document miniaturization began as an inexpensive way to deliver full text

1954 Atomic Energy Act encouraged public understanding of unclassified STI related to atomic energy, but also controlled classified and restricted data; established Atoms for Peace program

1957 Atoms for Peace initiative resulted in creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency, increasing the international information exchange led by TID