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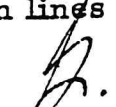
MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT
August 12, 1958

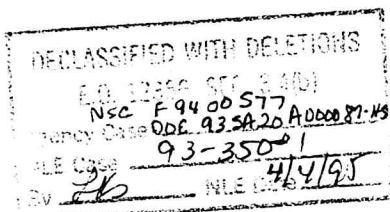
Others present: Chairman McCone
Admiral Foster
Dr. Teller
Dr. Bradbury
Mr. Gordon Gray
General Goodpaster

Admiral Foster introduced Drs. Teller and Bradbury, who were to give a report to the President on the results of the atomic tests of the Hardtack series. They showed sketches of each of the weapons that had been tested, and summarized the results achieved.

In further comment on the significance of a very small weapon which had been fired, Dr. Teller indicated that there seems to be tremendous potentiality in these very small devices -- even though they consume a proportionately rather larger amount of plutonium than do the larger weapons. He also made the point that, overall, weapons as tested in the Hardtack series showed an improvement by a

The President said that he hoped that if we find ourselves circumscribed on testing we still will be able to continue underground shots not involving the release of fissionable products. He recognized that the new thermonuclear weapons are tremendously powerful; however, they are not, in many ways, as powerful as is world opinion today in obliging the United States to follow certain lines of policy.


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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Last Friday, November 13, the White House called about the motion picture, "On the Beach". This movie will have a simultaneous premier in eighteen different cities throughout the world on December 17. The benefit here in Washington is for ANTA (American National Theater Association).

Despite the excellent beneficiary of this occasion, the White House is very concerned about the benefit because of the movie and its implications for civil defense, etc. Mrs. Robert Low Bacon is in charge of the local benefit and requested Cabinet backing. Naturally the White House turned this down. She next suggested Mrs. Eisenhower and it is my understanding that this too will be rejected diplomatically.

Mrs. Bacon has informed the White House that her next attempt will be with the Ambassadors from foreign nations. The White House has requested our help to scotch this.

Recommendation: That you mention at the next large staff meeting this movie and the occasion of its sponsorship here on December 17, and request the bureau heads to do everything diplomatically possible to discourage Ambassadorial support.



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