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Meeting No. 1183

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT:

Lewis L. Strauss
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 Harold S. Vance

K. E. Fields
 William Mitchell

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President approved two requests. One was for the allocation of fissionable material for Redwing. The other was what would be ordinarily our annual directive to proceed to make weapons and fissionable material. In this case it was not an annual directive, since we told him we wanted to get on a fiscal year basis, instead of a calendar year basis. We therefore presented figures only to June 30th with the undertaking to come back to him and ask him for a direction for the balance of the year.

(Discussion off the record.)

MR. FIELDS: Do you expect to be back, sir?

CHAIRMAN STRAUSS: By 4:30 at the latest.

COMMISSIONER VANCE: I have several comments on this Stassen letter, one of which is very important. I can read them all. I will read them.

Paragraph 3 under U. S. Policy of Regulation:
"The United States will actively seek early agreement on all such measures of adequately safeguarding disarmament as are now feasible."

I suggest this leaves the door open to piecemeal disarmament as proposed by the Soviets, and something should be added to this effect: "To be effective as part and parcel of a comprehensive plan". The Soviets have been pushing for this all the time. I think that should be in there.

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