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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group on Nuclear Energy Projects and
Related Information Programs (including
NSC 5431/1)

Eighteenth Meeting Held 11:00 a. m., March 10,
1955, Room 5106 New State Building.

Working Group Members Present

- State - Mr. Gerard Smith, Chairman
- Mr. Philip J. Farley (Alternate)
- Defense - Major Gen. Herbert B. Loper, USA (Ret.)
- CIA -
- FOA - Colonel Bergen Novell
- AEC - Admiral Paul F. Foster
- Mr. Morse Salisbury
- ODM - Mr. David Z. Beckler (Alternate)
- FCDA - Mr. Charles E. Pearce
- OCB - Mr. Richard Hirsch

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Others Present

- State - Mr. Ronald Spiers
- Mr. Jack W. Lydman
- Mr. Richard Friedman
- USIA - Mr. Jack Williams

1. Publicity with respect to U. S. Disarmament Policy

After discussion of the problem posed by Soviet obstructionist tactics at the London UN disarmament subcommittee talks now underway it was agreed that State would prepare a draft statement for use by the President in the event of a breakdown in the talks which would be cleared with the US delegation in London and various US Embassies with a view to ascertaining the degree of allied and friendly government support for the issuance of similar statements by other chiefs of state. In addition to the foregoing it was agreed that the additional steps outlined by the USIA representative would assist in clarifying public understanding of the US position.

2. Courses of Action to Achieve a Better Public Understanding of the Varying Effects of Sizes and Types of Nuclear Weapons

After discussion it was agreed that the Defense representative would, in conjunction with AEC, present to the working group a unclassified technical statement describing the different sizes and types of nuclear weapons and the different effects caused by their employment. It was further agreed that the working group would

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develop ways and means of publicizing this statement through all media and at all suitable occasions over a long-range period. It was recognized that this was semantic confusion and immediate steps would have to be taken to clarify this issue for domestic as well as foreign audiences.

3. Coordinating Intelligence and Foreign Climate of Opinion
Aspects of Official Statements regarding Nuclear Energy
(NSC Action 1344c; NSC Memorandum March 5, 1955)

A draft State Department circular instruction will be circulated to members of the working group for comment at the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, March 14, in Room 7250 New State.

R/H
Richard Hirsch
OCB Staff Representative

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