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PROPOSED RADIATION CONFERENCE IN JAPAN

Note by the Secretary

The Director of Special Projects has submitted the attached Department of State document for the information of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

June 26, 1954

TO: American Embassy, Tokyo
FROM: Secretary of State

Dr. Bugher is prepared to accept the proposal for an autumn conference. It is hoped, however, that the matter of indemnity could be resolved in the meantime. I request the Embassy's comments on the suggestion that the conference might be held on American territory, possibly Honolulu.

I concur on the release in the near future of a press statement, substance of which is transmitted below. I request the text of the announcement prior to its actual release.

- a. The United States Government is pleased to accept the Japan Science Council invitation for a conference on the general subject of radioactivity in relation to human health and scientific procedures for detecting, measuring and guarding against its presence in the environment.
- b. This Government will send a delegation of senior scientists expert in these fields to Tokyo for such a conference at a mutually agreeable date in the autumn of this year.
- c. The conference will continue and expand cooperation between the United States and Japanese science for sharing knowledge about radiation and procedures for safeguarding against it which exists in both nations. This cooperation has been active over recent months with the United States providing, as requested by the Government of Japan, the aid of physicians and biologists through the Atomic Bomb Commission staff,

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and through consultative services of U.S. Atomic Energy Commission experts Merrill Eisenbud, W. R. Boss, and S. H. Donaldson. The latter two men are concluding a month-long series of consultations on methods of identifying the extent of radiation in fish and ocean waters and determining safeguards.

d. (Such formal expressions as the Embassy considers appropriate.)

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