

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
March 21, 1951

Others present: Secretary Johnson

Admiral Strauss

Gen. MacArthur

Colonel Thompson

The meeting was convened at the quarter deck of the Adm. Johnson and foreign press, and it was understood that the purpose of the meeting was to attend the forthcoming test of the hydrogen bomb. After a short discussion, Admiral Strauss suggested that the group of foreign press experience to have in New Mexico over significant portions of the country. He pointed out that there is little plastic and metal available in the country closer the time when we will be faced with the problem of dismantling continuing them or using them in some way. It was also agreed that a considerable number of journalists from various countries would already been invited to the test itself. The group of foreign press had already endorsed the decision to let foreign press have full access to the test and initiative in this regard.

Admiral Strauss indicated he would settle for 100 members of the foreign observers to the press, and Mr. Johnson thought the U. S. press should be of that size as well. The Foreign Press suggested for further consideration that the group size of 100 be increased without an arrangement for additional flights between the two continents. Twenty in all - might attempt to fly by plane to the test site in the NAFAL, two or three from South America, the remainder from the North and South Pacific, etc.

The group agreed to meet again to make final arrangements.

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