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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D. C.



December 6, 1954

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

Ninth Meeting Held 11 a.m.
December 6, 1954, in Room 7258, New State,
Office of the Chairman

Working Group Members Present

- State - Gerard C. Smith, Chairman
Philip J. Farley, Alternate
- Defense - Maj. Gen. Herbert B. Loper, USA Ret.
- FOA - Mr. Robert E. Matteson
- USIA - Mr. Joseph O. Hanson
- AEC - Mr. Morse Salisbury
- ODM - Mr. David Z. Beckler
- FCDA - Mr. Ralph Spear
- OCB - Mr. Richard Hirsch

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Others Present

- State - Mr. George C. Spiegel

1. Presidential statement re December 8.

The group reviewed the State draft of the subject statement and agreed that revisions would be incorporated by drafting committee. The statement was completed following the meeting and delivered to the White House Staff Secretary at 2:30 p.m.

2. Information on H-bomb fallout.

Mr. Salisbury discussed some of the problems involved in preparing a factual, non-sensational, semi-technical description of the thermonuclear fallout effect. After discussion, the group recommended that the FCDA member be requested to inform his Agency that the words "deadly dust" be eliminated from all versions of the film "A New Look at the H-bomb", which had been previously reviewed by members of the group on an informal basis.

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3. Outline Plan of Operations.

The group agreed to supply calendar of events type of information to the OCB staff representative in lieu of an outline plan of operations, which was not considered appropriate at this time. Members agreed to discuss this problem with their respective Board Assistants, with particular reference to the Board meeting of September 1 (agenda item 4, para. (3)), requesting the preparation of an outline plan of operations in the information and educational field to support specific actions developed under NSC 5431/1, and to improve understanding overseas of U.S. policies and programs related to nuclear energy.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the call of the Chairman.

Richard Hirsch
OCB Staff Representative