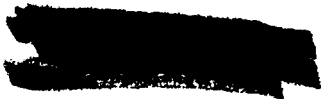1176th
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2. Meeting with the Secretary of Defense and Chairman, Joint
Chiefs of Staff. (pp. 2-4)

Mr. Strauss said that on February 15, he had met with the Sec

retary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to

discuss the observer program for Operation REDWING, the allocation

materials for foreign power reactors and the request for a

meeting between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commission.

With regard to the observer program for Operation REDWIN.

Mr. Strauss said that JCS would like to sponsor a number of U. K

and Canadian military observers. Mr. Strauss said he had informe

Admiral Radford that if foreign military observers were present

at Operation REDWING, he believed it would also be necessary to

invite representatives of the press. He added that it had been

agreed that AEC and DOD would consider, as soon as possible, the

question of observer programs.

Mr. Strauss said he had read to Mr. Wilson and Admiral

Radford the draft letter to the President requesting that he

allocate 20,000 kilograms of U-235 for foreign power reactors,

and also a letter which would later be sent to the Secretary of

Defense on the same subject. He added that after some discussio

Mr. Wilson and Admiral Radford had concurred in the request for

this allocation.   **BEST COPY AVAILABLE**

Mr. Strauss also said that in accordance with a request by

Mr. Murray, he had asked Admiral Radford if the Joint Chiefs of

Staff would meet with the Commission. He said that Admiral

Radford did not believe such a meeting would be appropriate

since the Joint Chiefs of Staff had been established to advise

the President and Secretary of Defense and since such a meeting

would bypass the MLC, which is the statutory link between the

Commission and the Defense Department.

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