

At the meeting of June 18, '45  
the invasion plan for Japan  
was discussed. General Marshall's  
plan was approved.

We were approaching an experi-  
ment with the atom explosion.  
I was informed that event  
would take place within a possi-  
ble thirty days.

I then suggested that after that  
experimental test of the fission  
of the atom, that we give Japan  
a chance to stop the war by a  
surrender. That plan was followed.  
Japan refused to surrender  
and the bomb was dropped on  
two targets after which event  
the surrender took place.

June 7, 1954

Following the decision <sup>referred to</sup> in the last  
memo, when the message arrived  
informing us of the successful  
explosion of the experimental atom  
bomb at Los Alamos, Sec. Stimson,  
Gen. Marshall, Adm. Leahy, Sec. Byrnes,  
Gen. Arnold and one or two others  
came into my office at the Potsdam  
White House and we discussed  
the proposed ultimatum talked  
about on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

After some discussion it was  
decided to send the message from  
Potsdam. Of course Chiang had to  
be informed and asked to join  
with Mr. Min. Churchill and myself.  
The message was sent both by air  
and through Sweden and Switzerland  
I'm sure. We had nothing in reply

but the radio statement re-  
fusing to surrender.

I am not informed at all  
on the last question. It is proba-  
bly a Monday morning quarter-  
back affair ~~after~~ after the game  
was over.

H.S.

