At the meeting of June 18, 1945, the invasion plan for Japan was discussed. General Marshall’s plan was approved.

We were approaching an experiment with the atom explosion. We were informed that our experiment would take place within a possible thirty days.

Others 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 rejected.

Japan refused to surrender, and the bomb was dropped on two targets, after which Japan’s surrender took place.
Following the decision in the last memo, when the message arrived informing us of the successful explosion of the experimental bomb at Los Alamos, Sec. Stimson, Gen. Marshall, Gen. Leahy, Sec. Byron, Gen. Arnold and one or two others came into my office at the Potomac White House and we discussed the proposed ultimatum talked about on June 17th.

After some discussion it was decided to send the message from Potomak. Of course Chiang had to be informed and asked to join with Mr. Winston Churchill and myself.

The message was sent both by air and through Sweden and Switzerland and so on. We had nothing in reply.
but the radio statement referring to surrender.

I was not informed at all on the last question. It is probably a Monday morning quartermarch affair after the game was over.

H.C.