

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

The attached document was handed to me yesterday afternoon by Mr. Roger Makins. It is a draft of a statement prepared for release by the Prime Minister after "Use Day" and he thinks it is now in the possession of the Prime Minister at Potsdam. He wanted to know if I had any comments or criticism to make. I told him I would like to go over it carefully and see him today.

In the meantime I showed it to General Groves and we both agreed that there is no objection to it as we could see in the light of present conditions. Accordingly, when Mr. Makins came to see me this afternoon I told him that neither General Groves or I saw any objections to the draft and that if the Prime Minister decided he wants to use it I would be glad to recommend to Secretary Stimson that he give his consent or that he attempt to procure consent from higher levels if that is the consent of the Quebec Agreement.

Mr. Makins said that was very satisfactory to him and he would advise London that General Groves and I have read it, that we see no objection and that we will be prepared to recommend favorably (if present conditions are not changed) if we hear further from him that the Prime Minister decides that he wants to use the statement.

In this connection I told Mr. Makins as I understand it we have not received any formal approval of our draft of statement for the President and Secretary Stimson, that the time may be getting short and that I hoped

to be able to clear the record so there would be no question about

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"mutual" consent as to the statements. He said the statements have been approved by the British here in Washington and by Sir John Anderson and that he has no doubt that for all practical purposes they are finally approved. But as Ambassador Halifax said at the last meeting of the Policy Committee the Prime Minister himself might want to consider them and that he, Mr. Makins, would not therefore want to say right now that they were consented to by the British. He stated, however, in view of our desire to clear the record as to those two statements he would cable London in the hope that we could get a formal consent from whomever it may be necessary to receive such consent.

As to the third statement which I proposed to issue, the so-called "Scientific Statement", I reminded Mr. Makins that in accordance with the action of the Policy Committee all that is necessary is a certificate from Sir James Chadwick that the statement comes within the rules with British and Americans concerning such a release. He indicated that the memorandum which he left with me yesterday and which I delivered to General Groves today was intended to indicate that while the British did not like the idea of a scientific release nevertheless if we decided to issue it they would consider the rules approved so that the only question remaining is whether Sir James Chadwick will certify that the proposed statement comes within the rules.

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