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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HARRISON:

The notes of the Thursday and Friday meetings of the Interim Committee indicate the following action to be taken:

1. Recommend to the Secretary that the present research programs, including the one at Chicago, be continued at present levels at least until the end of the war.

2. Report to the Secretary that the Committee, while recognizing that the final selection of the target is essentially a military decision, recommended that:

- a. The big bomb be used against Japan as soon as possible.
- b. It be used on a dual target, that is, a military installation or war plant surrounded by or adjacent to homes or other buildings most susceptible to damage.
- c. It be used without prior warning.

3. Advise the Secretary that the Committee feels that there may be some advantage in having a small military panel on the highest level with whom the Secretary or the Committee may discuss military matters, such as the type of target, timing, etc. These are matters with which the Committee will necessarily be concerned in preparing

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Generals Marshall, Handy and Groves for the Army, and Admirals King, Edwards, and Purnell for the Navy.

4. Have new publicity drafts ready for Committee consideration at the next meeting, 21 June 1945.

5. Prepare an outline of the post war plans and controls to be implemented by Congressional legislation after secrecy is no longer necessary. After Committee consideration at its next meeting the matter can be turned over to the lawyers for drafting.

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discuss this with
the Secretary 7/6/45
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