

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~TOP SECRET~~
WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

25 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HARRISON:

The notes of the June 21 meeting of the Interim Committee indicate the following action to be taken:

1. Inform the Secretary of War

- (a) That, at the discretion of the Secretary of War, he should inform the President that the Interim Committee had agreed that, in the coming Conference and if suitable opportunity arose, the President might mention, subject to the agreement of the Prime Minister, that this country is working in this field, that if results are satisfactory we might use the weapon against Japan, that no further information can be given at this time but that it is the President's hope that the weapon might become an aid to peace and that this aspect of the subject might be discussed further at a later date.



3
DOWNGRADED AT 12 YEAR INTERVALS;
NOT AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED.
DOD, DIR. 6200.10

REGRADDED UNCLASSIFIED
SEC ARMY BY TAG
7 20 5
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- (b) That the Committee voted unanimously that the Secretary of War be advised that the Interim Committee favored revocation of Clause Two of the Quebec Agreement. (secondly, that we will not use it against third parties without each other's consent^{''}) by appropriate action.
- (c) That the Committee reaffirmed the position taken at the May 31 and June 1 meetings that the weapon should be used against Japan at the earliest opportunity, that it be used without warning, and that it be used on a dual target, namely, a military installation or war plant surrounded by or adjacent to homes or other buildings most susceptible to damage.
- (d) That the Committee approved the recommendation of the Scientific Panel that the directive to the Manhattan District be extended to include work of post-war importance, such work not to exceed an annual budget of \$20,000,000.

2. Appoint a sub-committee to rework the publicity statements, the members of the sub-committee to be Mr. Page and a representative from General Groves' office. This sub-committee is to be responsible for future releases in line with general policies laid down by the Committee. General Groves is to prepare a list

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DOWNGRADED AT 12-YEAR INTERVAL
NOT AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED
DOD-DIR-5200.10

ORDER 11-11-61 UNCLASIFIED

of rules to be followed which will be submitted to the Committee for approval.

3. Write Dr. A. H. Compton rejecting the petition that Dr. Urey be added to the Scientific Panel but pointing out that the Panel will consult with Dr. Urey concerning his special field of competence.
4. Appoint Mr. Marbury, General Royall, and a representative from General Groves' office as a subcommittee to study the problem of post-war control and to draft the legislation necessary to establish a Post-war Control Commission.

R. Gordon Arneson
1st Lieut., A.U.S.
Interim Committee Secretary