


MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/28/79

TO: V. P. Bond

FROM: E. P. Cronkite SUBJECT: Marshall Island Symposium
AAAS, January 1980

By copies of letters from Alcalay to Kotrady and to Pratt and Conard, you will see the background of the individuals concerned, their attitude and the attempt to set up a one-sided symposium at which Conard and Pratt would be totally defenseless.

I called Mr. William Carey, the Executive Director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and explained the general problem to him. He remembered with pleasure his visit to Brookhaven some years ago. I suggested to him that such a symposium would be one-sided, reflect unfavorably upon the Department of Energy and its predecessors, ERDA and the AEC. I also emphasized that such a one-sided symposium would not be in the interest of science, the public or the AAAS. I suggested that others be put on the symposium who could present a more balanced and rational analysis of the problems concerned. After discussion with Dr. Pratt we came up with the names of Ed Rall and Barry Blumberg, the Nobel Laureate. As noted in my letter to Mr. Carey, Ed Rall has gladly accepted and will participate if invited. Dr. Pratt has not as yet been able to contact Dr. Blumberg but shall persist. Knowing Dr. Blumberg's attitude on intellectual honesty in science and relations with the public, I am reasonably confident that he will accept.

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