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WAR COUNCIL

TEMPERATIVE AGENDA for Meeting of the War Council at 10:00 AM

on 8 February 1949



1. Briefing by a representative of the State Department on developments in the field of foreign relations.
2. U. S. policies governing the use of certain new weapons and release of information regarding the capabilities of, defense against, and use of these weapons.

In commenting upon the question of whether the extracted version of the Bikini Report should be released, Dr. Bush suggests that a small top-level group of private citizens be organized to prepare recommendations to the President as to:

- a. The circumstances under which the U. S. should use the atomic bomb and weapons of biological warfare, chemical warfare and radiological warfare;
- b. The information which should be released to the public concerning these decisions and concerning the capabilities of, and defense against, these weapons.

A copy of Dr. Bush's letter is attached as Exhibit 2-a.

Exhibit 2-b is an outline of the questions raised directly or indirectly by Dr. Bush and a statement of previous action with respect to these issues taken in the War Council and the National Security Council.

Exhibit 2-c is a copy of the memorandum from Dr. Compton in which he comments on Dr. Bush's proposal and suggests certain modifications.

The discussion of this item will be preceded by a brief statement by Dr. Compton on the capabilities of chemical, biological and radiological warfare.

Action Required

The War Council should discuss the issues raised by Dr. Bush's proposal (as outlined in Exhibit 2-b) in the light of present circumstances and previous action, and agree upon the action which should be taken with respect to them.

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