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FROM : Mr. Salisbury
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With regard to our next step in connection with the credits to the agencies and personnel taking part in the tests, General McCormack, Dr. Bradbury and Trapnell suggest we discuss this matter with Captain Russell and Dr. Froman when they come to Washington the week of the 14th, and particularly recommend that you talk to Dr. Froman personally to reassure him of the Commission's backing.

A distinctly separate item is the matter of public recognition for General Hull when he comes to Washington, particularly the opportunity for the Commission to acknowledge his services. Trapnell has discussed this matter with General Nichols, who indicated he believed something should be done (from the standpoint of the military establishment), and with Admiral Parsons, who has indicated some concern as to possible dangers. We have not made any recommendation but have only stated that the Commission feels some public acknowledgment of General Hull's services should be made.

It appears already that this will become another point of difference between the Army and Navy. You may want to discuss the matter with Mr. Carpenter. We are making no plans and have done nothing more than discuss the problem with General Nichols and Admiral Parsons. If General Hull will be authorized to give some newsworthy information, a joint press conference with the Chairman of the Commission and the Secretary of Defense as hosts to General Hull and Dr. Froman, might be considered. The General, however, has said he doesn't want to read a pre-sterilized piece of paper again, but would be willing to talk to the press within limits as determined and his own judgment.

Trapnell feels that General Hull's presence in Washington will be known to newsmen and the failure of the military establishment or the Commission to take any notice of his presence might give rise to some strange speculation.

We have a meeting with Mr. Carpenter at 10:00a.m., Wednesday, 9 June, with Mr. Carpenter, to discuss future public information activities. The question of any further releases on Sandstone will be one item on the agenda.

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