Leslie Richard Groves (1896-1970) graduated from West Point in 1918 after attending the University of Washington and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After service in various parts of the world as an engineer, Groves was assigned to the office of the chief of engineers in 1931. Between then and 1939 when he was assigned General Staff duty, Groves graduated from Command General Staff School (1936) and the Army War College (1939). In 1940 Groves was put in charge of army construction projects including the Pentagon. In 1942, he was assigned command of the Manhattan Engineering District - the atomic bomb project. Groves oversaw the production and testing of the first atomic bomb working closely with J. Robert Oppenheimer and the other scientists at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Following the war, Groves was chief of the Special Weapons Project until he retired in 1948. From the Army he went on to become vice president of Sperry Rand Corporation until 1961. Groves died in 1970.

Following publication of Now It Can Be Told in 1962, Groves put together some of the documents he used for the book into a scrapbook "Reproductions of Some of the Documents Pertaining to the Development and Use of the Atomic Bomb." Included are the memo appointing Groves to special duty, the messages for President Truman at Potsdam, a memo for Secretary Stimson regarding the testing of the bomb and its effect, as well as material preparatory to dropping the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
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List of Documents

1. Memorandum, September 17, 1942, from General Somervell to the Chief of Engineers on the release of Col. L. R. Groves, C. E., for Special Assignment.


3. Letter, June 29, 1943, from President Roosevelt to General Groves.

4. Memorandum, April 17, 1944, from the Under Secretary of War to General Groves.

5. Memorandum to Files, report of meeting with President Truman, April 25, 1945, by General Groves.


7. Three memorandums:
   (1) Memorandum, June 18, 1945, from Mr. Harvey H. Bundy, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, to General Henry.
   (2) Enclosure: Memorandum, June 11, 1945, for the Secretary of War from General Groves.
   (3) Memorandum, June 19, 1945, for Mr. Bundy from General Henry.

8. Message, July 16, 1945, for the Secretary of War from Mr. George Harrison.

9. Second message, July 17, 1945, for the Secretary of War from Mr. Harrison.
10. Memorandum, July 18, 1945, for the Secretary of War from General Groves.

11. Memorandum, October 22, 1945, to General Groves from General Farrell.

12. Receipt, July 26, 1945, for fissionable material for the bomb.

13. Memorandum, August 3, 1945, for President Truman from the Secretary of War.

14. Instruction sheets, August 4, 1945, carried by Captain Parsons.

15. Message, August 7, 1945, to Commanding Officer, Clear Creek, N. Mex. (Los Alamos), from Washington Liaison Office.

16. Memorandum, August 6, 1945, to the Chief of Staff from General Groves.

17. Radio message, August 6, 1945, to President Truman from the Secretary of War.


19. Message, August 9, 1945, to General Groves from General Farrell.

20. Memorandum, August 10, 1945, to the Chief of Staff from General Groves.