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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1942.

RECORD OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 1942, IN OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF WAR:

Present: The Secretary of War
 The Chief of Staff
 Dr. Vannevar Bush
 Dr. James B. Conant
 Lt. Gen. Somervell
 Maj. Gen. Styer
 Brig. Gen. Groves
 Harvey H. Bundy

Dr. James B. Conant made a brief statement of the history, progress and present status of the S-1 project.

The question of the international aspects of the project was discussed. It was emphasized that speed in the research and development was essential and that nothing should interfere with this. It was decided to postpone any attempt to establish any international working arrangement until the Secretary of War ascertained the President's policy in this regard.

The strategic and tactical problems which might be presented were discussed and it was the opinion of those present that study and probably certain research and development along these lines should be considered at once and should follow along with the development and procurement of the necessary material.

Gen. Somervell reported that action had been taken to assure the necessary priorities.

After discussion, the action set forth on the Memorandum annexed marked "A" was taken and it was determined that the memorandum should be circulated to those persons who have been designated by the President to determine general policy for their written approval.

Harvey H. Bundy
HARVEY H. BUNDY
Acting as Secretary of the Meeting.

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MEMORANDUM "A":

Those persons designated by the President to have determination of general policy in the S-1 project, namely, the Vice President, the Secretary of War, General Marshall, Dr. James B. Conant, and Dr. Vannevar Bush, hereby appoint a Military Policy Committee consisting of Dr. Vannevar Bush, or his alternate, Dr. James B. Conant, as Chairman; General Styer and Admiral Purnell to consider and plan military policy relating to the project, such planning to cover production, strategic and tactical problems and research and development relating thereto.

Brig. Gen. Leslie B. Groves will sit with the Committee and act as Executive Officer to carry out the policies that may be determined.

The Military Policy Committee is to report the progress of the project to the General Policy Group designated by the President at suitable intervals and further report to them for determination any matters of such importance as to require such determination.

APPROVED:

H. A. Wallace
Vice President.

Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War.

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Chief of Staff.

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Dr. Vannevar Bush.

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J.N.W.
Committee.

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