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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH ADMIRAL STRAUSS

Admiral Strauss has returned from a conference with the President to discuss with him the position which should be taken by the United States Delegation to the United Nations with respect to the selection by the Governing Board of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. I was to have attended this meeting with Admiral Strauss but had to leave the White House because of an urgent appointment with Senator Johnson at the Capital. Admiral Strauss knew my point of view and likewise brought to the President's attention the two memoranda of conversation which the Secretary had made on October 21 and 24, 1956.

As a result of this conversation the President agreed that:

(a) the position of the United States Delegation should be to put forward the name of W. Sterling Cole as a candidate on behalf of the United States; and

(b) the Soviet delegation should be advised that the United States did not wish to make any commitments with respect to any other staff personnel but would, of course, feel that the Soviet Government was entitled to representation appropriate to the degree of support of the Agency which the Soviet Government would evidence by making fissionable material available to it.

The President further made the condition with respect to the above that prior assent be received of Congressman Joseph Martin to Congressman Cole's name being put forward, since the President had some years ago agreed with Congressman Martin that he, the President, would not consider nominating for federal office members of the House of Representatives. Strauss did not at the time make the distinction that this was not a Presidential appointment. This, however, was done in a later conversation between General Persons and Admiral Strauss. The latter is now making arrangements to see both Congressman Martin and Congressman Cole.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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In elaborating on his memorandum of conversation with Admiral Strauss of August 2 Governor Herter indicated that it was his understanding that we should put forward the Cole candidacy and proceed to get him elected using the most favorable tactics, but nevertheless backing him to the hilt. He felt the President was inclined to want to avoid any kind of a "deal" with the Russians.

Governor Herter thought that, to comply with the President's wishes, Ambassador Wadsworth should be instructed to go back to the Russians and inform them that he had received instructions to put forward the candidacy of Cole and at the same time to make plain that any further discussions with the Russians on IAEA staff would need to await evidence of the amount of cooperation and contribution the USSR is going to make to the new agency.

Governor Herter asked me to convey a copy of his memorandum of conversation with Admiral Strauss of August 2 to the Admiral requesting his initials or written concurrence and at the same time, convey a copy to General Goodpaster, indicating to Admiral Strauss that we were so doing.

Fisher Howe

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**MEMORANDUM FOR BRIG. GEN. A. J. GOODPASTER  
THE WHITE HOUSE**

**Subject: IAEA**

The Acting Secretary has asked me to send along this copy of his memorandum of conversation with Admiral Strauss. Another copy has been sent to Admiral Strauss for him to indicate his concurrence.

**FISHER HOWE**

**Fisher Howe  
Director  
Executive Secretariat**

**Enclosure:**

**Copy of memo of conversation between Governor Harter and Admiral Strauss, August 2.**

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