

noon
Friday

9 Sept - Source handed Pres. Hillon letter
memo. It also went to John & Acheson

(p. 114 up
3 Sept re ~~Washington~~)

Thereafter, as additional info came, Source
gave Pres. informal verbal reports.

By 15th, convinced it was man-made;
explosion

Thurs 15 Sept - Only report to NSC after NSC
[check]



2/16^m - Sowers to see HST about 5:30 pm.
(after pool) in his car

Sowers told him State & Military
thought a statement should be prepared,
in case it should leak.

Now concerned man-made, about 10
days before.

~~Military prepared a draft~~

5:45: Sowers reported to Webb would revise
statement, & have it in Cox's hands 10:15
Sat am 17^m.

17^m - HST approved draft.

he went to post;

Sowers left it ready to release if
necessary

[HST apparently had
made up his mind
not to release]



Just well and

Sears

19th Monday:

3:00 - Stan House: Johnson, Gandy, Brinkley,
Sears present.

They advocated immediate release
Pres nearly persuaded; Webb was summoned
to White about 3:30. to see draft.

Webb - Sears went to State 4:15 Sir Oliver
Franko arrived (summoned by Webb)

To Sears knowledge, Kim's had not known

Oppenheimer ^{from ABC} _{page} has some elements as our Eniwetok
bomb - he was present at State, too.

Franko was to tell him Gove F. (he was given copy)

Webb phoned Acheson in N.Y. to tell him of Pres's
decision to release soon.

Acheson told [?] that night. Acheson didn't
like idea of release.

Jan 19-20 - Apparently HST co. Smyles talked to Webb

Thurs 20th Accusation reported by Berin thought idea terrible - Sources

20th - HST told Sources he would not announce it that day.

JCS met; Summer Pike (acting chairman AEC) all concerned. - Pike thought it would ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~hands~~ ^{hands} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Committee~~ ^{Committee} - ^{AEC} they know of it; their ~~actions~~ ^{actions} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~required~~ ^{required} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~law~~ ^{law} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~inform~~ ^{inform} ~~Congress~~ ^{Congress}.
JCS also advised of ~~links~~ ^{links}.

12:00 noon Sources reported ^{to HST} AEC & JCS wanted action

HST about to announce it -

Sources advised HST to get advice before acting.

Sources called in Ross; talked with Liekehtul (letter just back from vacation - wanted release)

1:00 Ross - advised against immediate release - on grounds Pres couldn't let accusation down.



miss note

Pres. saw Lichtenhal C. 3:45 (L. argued for release) Sours

HST told L. it was a "policy matter"
L. Underwood argued

Wed 21st - am. Pres. told Sours to tell Webb
to tell Acheson "no change."

11:15 - ^{had state} Early Ross Sours - from state

delivered final evaluation report. Pres read &
handed it back.

Sours argued for new draft of statement -

~~Two 22nd~~ Ross wrote new statement - (others just
"fact" announcements). They get statement all
ready - even though no decision yet.

miss note
of Acheson's
arrival

Ross wrote it; HST reviewed & approved
after Pres Conference.

8:00 Sours met with Webb, Sir. O. Franklin took it to NY to
Acheson



Thurs 22nd

Severs

Thurs 22nd - Franks had gone to NY to talk it over with Portish -

late that night Acheson met Brit - I talked Acheson by now concerning insular because he had learned Mc Mahon knew it, & had called his Committee, & Hellenister & Oppenheimer

Fri 23rd - Hummelin brought it back from NY with Sevin Acheson changes

9:30 - Webb HST Ross Severs met -

HST accepted Acheson suggestions -

HST decided when to release it (at 9:30) - Acheson having said get it out before Visiting Severs at 3:00

10:00 Cabinet

preparing for Statement - Kennan, Bush etc. draft - Acheson & Ross.

Visiting news + McMahon decided the hour



Tues. - Pres. decided not to release;
" Snyder thinks it would be bad. "

Sowers & Ross discussed; Ross advised
holding it up



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