

Wednesday, 8 August 1945, continued

11:25

Gen Groves called Mr Harrison re: advised he answered and turned into Surles refutation of Jacobsen's statement. Mr. Harrison advised that the Secretary has arranged on appointment for Groves, Bush, Conant and Harrison.

11:30 am

Gen Groves called Gen Surles re: statement made by Jacobsen. Advised that refutation would go over to be in the afternoon papers.

11:40 am

Mr. E. Sengier, NYC, called JOL re: will leave on 2:30 train this afternoon and will see the General tomorrow.

11:55 am

Gen Groves called Capt Jones, Santa Fe, N.M. re: Col Warren to call Gen Groves as soon as he can be located. Transferred call to Dr. Oppenheimer and General read proposed statement in answer to Jacobsen's and also read Jacobsen's. Oppie said "this is of course lunacy" on hearing Jacobsen's statement. Oppie said further that based on test in New Mexico there would be no appreciable activity on the ground and what little there was would decay very rapidly" and gave permission to Gen Groves to quote him. Oppie plans to leave next Tuesday and will be in Washington as soon as he can. Oppie advised Seeman will send a tt in a few minutes about some of the people from W-47. (Miss Wilson asked that Manley be advised that in album of pictures reference should be made to 10,000 yards north.) General Groves spoke with Col Warren re: read statement by Jacobsen and read proposed press release by the War Dept. and Warren confirmed what Oppie said.

12:18 pm

Gen Groves called Col Hill, BPR re: sending over statement in the rough and any changes on the scientific end should be cleared with Gen Groves. Dr. Manley scientific liaison man with JRO is going over with the statement to give any help he can.

12:30 pm

Gen Richards called Gen Groves re: When your first expenditures are shown for this particular project did they start with the fiscal year 1942. (Antes to check and call back)