

"...Discussion of the International problem cannot be safely delayed until the United Nations Organization is functioning and in a position adequately to deal with it.

"I, therefore, propose to initiate discussions first with our associates in this discovery, Great Britain and Canada, and then with other nations, in an effort to effect agreement on the conditions under which co-operation might replace rivalry in the field of atomic power.

"I desire to emphasize that these discussions will not be concerned with disclosures relating to the manufacturing processes leading to the production of the atomic bomb itself. They will constitute an effort to work out arrangements covering the terms under which international collaboration and exchange of scientific information might safely proceed...

(The President made a similar statement in his Navy Day Address, October 27, 1945, Appendix No. 5 to Growth of a Policy, page 117.)

B. Agreed Declaration by President Truman and Prime Ministers Attlee of Great Britain and Mackenzie King of Canada re International Control, Washington, November 15, 1945 (Appendix No. 6 to "Growth of a Policy").

1. Willingness to Contribute (page 119).

"...Representing as we do, the three countries which possess the knowledge essential to the use of atomic energy, we declare at the outset our willingness, as a first contribution, to proceed with the exchange of fundamental scientific literature for peaceful ends with any nation that will fully reciprocate...

2. Withholding Atomic Bomb Information (page 119).

"We are not convinced that the spreading of the specialized information regarding the practical application of atomic energy, before it is possible to devise effective, reciprocal, and enforceable safeguards acceptable to all nations, would contribute to a constructive solution of the problem of the atomic bomb. On the contrary we think it might have the opposite effect. We are, however, prepared to share, on a reciprocal basis with others of the United Nations detailed information concerning the practical industrial application of atomic energy just as soon as effective enforceable safeguards against its use for destructive purposes can be devised..."

C. References to the Agreed Declaration.

1. Address of Secretary of State James Byrnes at Charleston, South Carolina, November 16, 1945 (Appendix No. 7 to Growth of a Policy, page 121).

"...Accordingly, the President of the United States and the Prime Ministers of Great Britain and Canada-- the partners in the historic scientific and engineering undertaking that resulted in the release of atomic energy-- have taken the first step in an effort to rescue the world from a desperate armament race..."