

Commission on Atomic Energy proposed at Washington.

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In order to attain the most effective available means of entirely eliminating the use of atomic energy for destructive purposes, and for promoting its widest use for industrial, commercial and humanitarian purposes, we gave it as our opinion in the Washington Declaration that at the earliest practicable date a Commission should be set up under the United Nations Organization, to prepare recommendations for submission to the Organization. We expressed the view that the Commission should be instructed to proceed with the utmost despatch; and that, in particular, it should make specific proposals (a) for extending, between all nations, the exchange of basic scientific information for peaceful ends; (b) for the control of atomic energy to the extent necessary to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes; (c) for the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons and of other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction; and (d) for effective safeguards by way of inspection and other means, to protect complying states against the hazards of violations and evasions. X

"These tasks may well have to move forward by separate stages, building upon the confidence which the progressive exchange of information will provide."

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