

and safety factors in connection with the Canadian atomic installation at Chalk River, Ontario, for example, have been examined in the light of the technical experience of the United Kingdom and the United States. The United States is concerned with the development of reactors which constitute a unique tool in nuclear research. The United States, as well as Canada and the United Kingdom, can share some of this experience in connection with reactors to achieve mutual benefit to all three governments. Experience and knowledge in the important field of extraction chemistry acquired by the United States and the United Kingdom can be of mutual benefit to the activity of each nation in this area."

IV. DEVELOPMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BLAIR HOUSE CONFERENCE ON JULY 14, 1949 HELD TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF AMERICAN, BRITISH AND CANADIAN RELATIONS IN THE ATOMIC FIELD.

A. Senator McMahon's Announcement of July 19, 1949 of Meeting on July 20 of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy to Discuss Subject of Blair House Conference.

"Following on the meeting at Blair House, at which Congressional leaders (including ranking members of the Committee) were present, the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy plans to meet in closed session on Wednesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m., to explore with the Department of State, the National Military Establishment and the Atomic Energy Commission the continuing problem of our relations with the United Kingdom and Canada in the field of atomic energy. At the present time, the three countries are co-operating in a limited number of specifically defined areas of information, as well as on matters of raw materials supply.

"At the meeting Wednesday, the Committee will discuss with the three agencies most directly concerned the problems which lie ahead in our relations with the United Kingdom and Canada in this field."

B. Senator McMahon's Statement on Outcome of Meeting on July 27, 1949 of the Joint Committee with the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defence and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Recommendation for Maintenance of the Status Quo and Exploratory Talks with the British and Canadians.

"The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy met today with Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary of Defence Johnson, and the Atomic Energy Commission, and again discussed foreign relations in the field of atomic energy.

"Mr. Acheson explained that he and Mr. Johnson and the Commission had carefully reviewed the problems involved and had consulted with President Truman. The President feels, according to Mr. Acheson, that any action on questions such as these -- which vitally affect national security -- must have the support of both the Executive and Legislative branches of government."