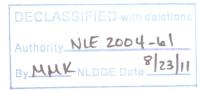
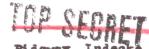
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Motes on Conference in President's Office



Present: J. F. Dulles, Smith, Bowle, Wilson, Kyes, Ridgway, Ludecke, Strauss, Cutler, Lay.

The President started off by eaying that the U.S. had 3 things to consider:



- a. The U.S. would consider nuclear weapons available for use,
- b. but the U.S. must also consider the need for allies, and
- c. favorable world opinion.

The President did not think that any advance decision could be made which would govern what would happen in a future war. All wars turn out to be different than the plans which are made.

The President indicated that there was no question in his mind about the

Mr. Dulles re-stated the question before the meeting as follows: Does paragraph 38b of MSC 162/2 mean that

The President pointed out that

The Secretary of State that he had tried to develop the v.S. view with respect to atomic weapons with Eden at Bermuda, and also at the HATO meeting. He had tried to make clear to them that we must be the state of the state of

The President said that the U.S. had come to a point where it could not back away from atomic weapons. Both the U.S. and the other side are in too deep: He re-emphasized that in the event of

Mr. Eyes modified the position earlier taken by the Defense Establishment

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to say that the insight which had now been given into the President's mind would enable the Defense Establishment to go ahead. Although the President had not spoken his

The President suggested that if the necessary statements could be included in the war plans, he would initial such war plans to show the position which he would expect to take.



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