MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

The attached document was handed to me yesterday afternoon by
Mr. Roger Makins. It is a draft of a statement prepared for release by
the Prime Minister after "D-Day" and he thinks it is now in the possession
of the Prime Minister at Potladem. He wanted to know if I had any comments
or criticism to make. I told him I would like to go over it carefully and
see him today.

In the meantime I showed it to General Groves and we both agreed
that there is no objection to it as we could see in the light of present
conditions. Accordingly, when Mr. Makins came to see me this afternoon I
told him that neither General Groves or I saw any objections to the draft
and that if the Prime Minister decided he wants to use it I would be glad
to recommend to Secretary Stimson that he give his consent or that he attempt
to procure consent from higher levels if that is the consent of the Quebec
Agreement.

Mr. Makins said that was very satisfactory to him and he would
advise London that General Groves and I have read it, that we see no objection
and that we will be prepared to recommend favorably (if present conditions
are not changed) if we hear further from him that the Prime Minister decides
that he wants to use the statement.

In this connection I told Mr. Makins as I understand it we have
not received any formal approval of our draft of statement for the President
and Secretary Stimson, that the time may be getting short and that I hoped
would be able to clear the record so there would be no question about
"mutual" consent as to these statements. He said the statements have been approved by the British here in Washington and by Sir John Anderson and that he has no doubt that for all practical purposes they are finally approved. But as Ambassador Halifax said at the last meeting of the Policy Committee the Prime Minister himself might want to consider them and that he, Mr. Makins, would not therefore want to say right now that they were consented to by the British. He stated, however, in view of our desire to clear the record as to those two statements he would cable London in the hope that we could get a formal consent from whoever it may be necessary to receive such consent.

As to the third statement which I proposed to issue, the so-called "Scientific Statement", I reminded Mr. Makins that in accordance with the motion of the Policy Committee all that is necessary is a certificate from Sir James Chadwick that the statement comes within the rules with British and Americans concerning such a release. He indicated that the memorandum which he left with me yesterday and which I delivered to General Groves today was intended to indicate that while the British did not like the idea of a scientific release nevertheless if we decided to issue it they would consider the rules approved so that the only question remaining is whether Sir James Chadwick will certify that the proposed statement comes within the rules.