DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN SECRETARY ACHESON AND MR. HARRIMAN

The Secretary telephoned Ambassador Harriman this morning to verify that Mr. Harriman is willing to go up to Congress on Iran if the full committee or sub-committee should have hearings. Mr. Harriman said that, while he was not anxious to do so, he would of course be available.

Mr. Harriman then brought up the question of a joint U.S. position on the TOC report. He said he was going up to the Hill on Wednesday and Thursday on the TOC report, and that he had been informed that the Joint Chiefs had written a rather lukewarm report, while the Joint Secretaries have written a realistic report, and he, Mr. Harriman, thought we should get behind this latter report. He had talked with Mr. Foster about getting a U.S. position on whatever General Bradley says about the report; not that he would consider asking the Joint Chiefs to change their military opinion, but only to let others in the U.S. Government involved in the question see what they were going to say, so that a U.S. position could be formulated. He said he understood that Bradley would insist that there should be a review of the program each year; whereas Harriman thought it was unnecessary to repeat this, since NSC/3 had taken care of that matter. He said the Joint Secretaries have indicated that they think it is necessary to get some enthusiasm for the TOC Report at home and abroad.

The Secretary agreed that a joint position should be attained. No suggestion was made by either the Secretary or Mr. Harriman as to what steps should be taken to try to get the Bradley report; or to get a joint U.S. Government position.