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Mr. Harrison explained that he had recently received through Dr. A.H. Comton a report from a group of scientists at Chicago recommending, among other things, that the weapon not be used in this war but that a purely technical test conducted which would be made known to other countries. Mr. Harrison had turned this report over to Scientific Panel for study and recommendation. Part II of the report of the Scientific Panel stated that they saw no acceptable alternative to direct military use. The Committee reaffirmed the position taken at the 31 May and 1 June meetings that the weapon used against Japan at the earliest opportunity, that it be used without warning, and that it be used on a dual target, namely a military installation or war plant surrounded by or adjacent to homes or other buildings most susceptible to damage.

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In considering what might be said by the President concerning the project at the “Big Three” Conference, the Committee discussed at length the many ramifications that had to be taken into account. In the hope of securing effective future control and in view of the fact that general information concerning the project would be made public shortly after the Conference, the Committee unanimously agreed that there would be considerable advantage, if suitable opportunity arose, in having the President advice the Russians that we were working on this weapon with every prospect of success and that we expected to use it against Japan.

The President might say further that he hoped this matter might be discussed some time in the future in terms of insuring that the weapon would become an aid to peace. The Committee felt that, should the Russians press for more details, they should be told that we were not ready to furnish more information at present. The Committee agreed that under the provisions of the Quebec Agreement this whole problem should be discussed with the Prime Minister in advance of the Conference.

The Committee asked Mr. Harrison to make known its position, as stated above, to the Secretary of War.

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