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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Coordination Division
SUBJECT : Exploitation of Atoms for Peace Program in Japan

I. As CIA representative on the inter-Governmental Committee dealing with President Eisenhower's Atoms-for-Peace program we wish to bring the following information to your attention. It is requested that this information be posed to your fellow Committee members for discussion and review and that recommendations be drawn up as to the feasibility of implementing the program outlined below.

II. Background

A. The () Mission has recently been in touch with a well known and influential Japanese newspaper and radio executive. This individual is desirous of engaging in a fully extended campaign promoting President Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace proposal, and is soliciting guidance and assistance.

B. This individual points out that the speech of Mr. John Jay HOPKINS, President of General Dynamics, Inc., before the National Association of Manufacturers on 1 December 1954 has had considerable impact among leading Japanese industrialists. In this speech HOPKINS urged installation of Atomic power plants in under developed areas with particular reference to Japan and the Far East. HOPKINS termed the proposal as an Atomic "Marshall Plan". The Japanese have shown great interest in HOPKINS practical approach.

C. On behalf of HOPKINS, Mr. William HALSTED, President of UNITED Coporation has been in touch with the Japanese principal exploring the possibility of having HOPKINS make a trip to Japan to explain his "Marshall Plan" proposal to the Japanese.

III. Conclusions and Recommendations

A. In order to present the whole question of Atomic energy in its proper light, the aforementioned Japanese contact recommends, that men like HOPKINS and eminent Atomic scientists be "invited and encouraged

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to go to Japan as Atomic power peace emissaries in order to revive the hopes of the deflation-oppressed Japanese in reconstructing their economy*.

B. If HOPKINS and others are invited to Japan, the Japanese contact man and will arrange for suitable publicity and will introduce the American representatives to top Japanese industrial and government officials.

C. In addition, it is recommended

1. That an appropriate element of the United States Government contact HOPKINS, endorse the idea of a trip and confirm to him that the Japanese are extremely interested in his M.A.M. proposals.

2. That a top level Atomic physicist qualified to talk applied techniques be selected by the proper U.S. Government Agency and be included in the HOPKINS party.

3. That a high level U.S. Government official make some kind of quotable statement regarding HOPKINS trip, not necessarily in direct support of HOPKINS Atomic "Marshall Plan" idea, but offering encouragement to initiative taken by private enterprise to develop Far East through peaceful Atomic power.

IV. It should be emphasized that most of the cost involved in such a trip will be under-written by the aforementioned Japanese contact and his organizations.