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6. Mr. O'Neill attended the briefing given for the Joint Atomic Information Exchange Group in Dr. Scoville's office. This group formed under the Department of Defense is headed up by a Brigadier General Harrison, a Colonel Van Houser (Deputy for Defense Matters), and Mr. Brenner (Deputy for Atomic Energy Matters). On transmission of information under 91c, 144b and 144c of the Atomic Energy Act, concurrence of all three individuals appears necessary. In essence, the briefing set forth that only this group had the expertise to determine the propriety of each communication that was to be made to elements of other governments. It is their judgment that the wording of the Atomic Energy Act itself does not provide sufficient guidance and that it is necessary in each instance to review in effect the legislative history and previous communications to the same government in order to make an appropriate determination. Upon questioning concerning transmission of information under 144d, the briefing officer, [redacted] expressed no knowledge concerning considerations involving the transmittal of information for intelligence purposes. General Harrison also spoke up and indicated he was unfamiliar with the need.

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