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1. Franz Josef Strauss, Minister for Atomic Affairs, is planning to make a short one-week visit to Washington on about 2 December. During his stay in the United States, Strauss plans to discuss atomic matters with officials in Washington and to acquaint himself with the organization of the American atomic establishment.
2. The organizational plans for the new ministry will not be completed until after Strauss' return from the United States. It is not planned for the present to appoint a State Secretary within the ministry; that function will be served by placing the administrative organization under Ministerialdirigent Dr. Grau who will be transferred from the Chancellery for that purpose.
3. Strauss has received letters from Professor Dr. Werner Heisenberg assuring him of his fullest cooperation. Heisenberg has authorized Strauss to make a public statement denying rumors of a breach between the scientists and the newly organized Atomic Ministry.
4. Strauss has negotiated with Leo Brandt, at present State Secretary in the North-Rhine-Westphalia Ministry of Transport, who has agreed to become a member of the Technical Advisory Board. Strauss is also trying to persuade Admiral Hellmuth Heye to lay down his mandate as member of parliament and accept an offer to become the head of the military and defense section of the ministry.

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