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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ATTN: Chief, Office of Special Intelligence

✓ SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ATOMIC ENERGY, DEPARTMENT
OF STATE

SUBJECT: French AEC Personnel Changes and Appointments

1. Inclosed for information and retention is a copy of a letter
from the [REDACTED] dated 10 December 1952, con-
cerning subject matter.

2. It is requested that contents of the letter be disseminated
only on a need-to-know basis and that no distribution be made to
foreign nationals.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2

Garrison B. Coverdale

Incl:
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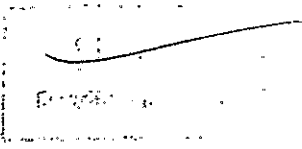
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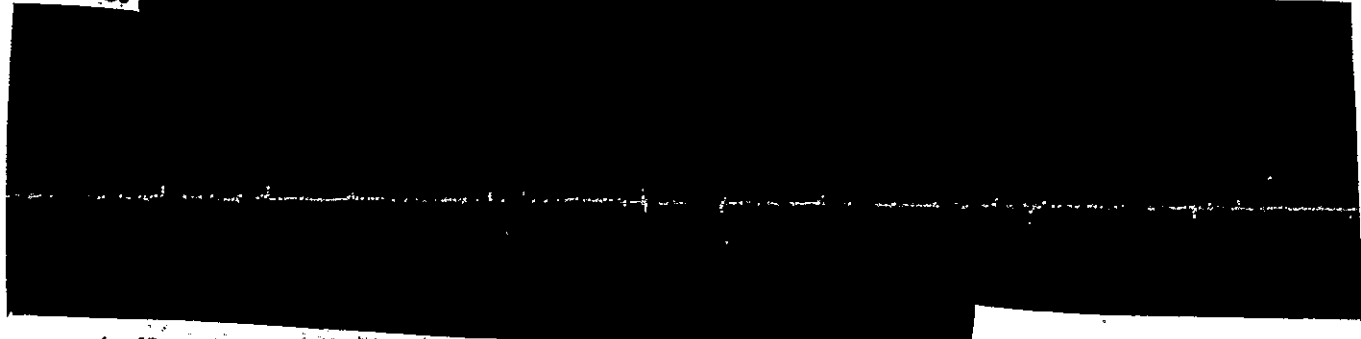
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TO: The Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

1. [REDACTED] appeared, as of 5 December 1952, to be unaware that Jacques de Courlon had been invited to join the AEC. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that de Courlon was an excellent geophysicist but politically leftist. He was not intimating that he considered de Courlon a Communist, only that he considered him politically oriented to the left.

2. [REDACTED] appears to be of the opinion that Taranger's function with the commission will be that of administrator and coordinator for programming and construction in connection with the P-3 objective. He has expressed considerable concern over two factors which he believes essential to attainment of the objectives. He is pessimistic on the possibilities of developing uranium metal sources and stock-piles which would guarantee full operation of P-3 for a long time. He is likewise pessimistic on the possibility of assembling a scientific staff under Taranger capable of designing a graphite plutonium pile. He has stated that he prefers Professor Yves Rocard as the top scientist for such a staff but realizes that certain personality changes (including the removal of Perrin) will be necessary before the services of Rocard can be arranged.

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4. No official announcement has yet come to the attention of this office relative to the acceptance of Rene Lascop's resignation as Secretary-General of the French AEC or the appointment of his successor either in name, or in fact. Currently available information indicates that a Mr. Asti probably assumed duties of the office on or about 1 December 1952.



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