

CONFIDENTIAL

AUG 31 1951

Colonel T. J. Betts
American Embassy
1 Grosvenor Square
London, W.1, England

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2001 2007

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of 27 July passing on to me the comments of Professor Norman, and particularly his concern about the control of German science after a peace treaty with Germany is concluded. Your letter arrived here in the office on 17 August, a rather slow trip across the Atlantic.

There was an opportunity to discuss the subject, not only with Allen Dulles, but also with Park Armstrong in the Department of State. Park seemed to feel that the termination of the present official regime was not as imminent as it had seemed several months ago.

Consideration by the Department of State of this knotty problem is rather timely. As you know very serious consideration is being given here and at HICOG of the sort of intelligence set up which should exist, not only in the near future, but also after the termination of war has formally been decreed. Dr. Koepfli, Science Advisor, Department of State, in charge of scientific attaches, also sat in on the conversation with Park Armstrong, and promised to not forget the problem in the planning of the various divisions of State. He has recently sent to Germany Dr. Detlev Bronk, President of Johns Hopkins, to make a personal survey of science there, and to make recommendations. Koepfli will doubtless cover Norman's point with Bronk in the very near future.

Of course we in intelligence are largely on the sidelines in considering this problem, even though we are intensely interested in any decision that may come up.

There seems to be rather general feeling among the people with whom I have talked that the NATO mechanism is not the proper one to use.

When you see Norman the next time please give him my personal regards and a word of appreciation.

Cordially yours,

CC: Deputy Director (Confidential)

FOR COORDINATION WITH ^{ed} DOD

Received in EDW/OSO pouch from London,
16 August 1951

CONFIDENTIAL

act. -

American Embassy
1 Grosvenor Square
London, W.1, England

27 July 1951

My dear []

Yesterday I had luncheon with Professor Norman and he asked me to raise with you a point which he believed he had already brought to your attention. He is worried about the control of German science after a peace treaty with Germany is concluded. He pointed out that there is a provision in the Constitution of the German Federal Republic which states that there should be in Germany complete freedom of research, notably scientific research. He went on to say that in the present state of the world it is quite obvious that scientific research must be open to some measure of control, if only to prevent dangerous information reaching the enemy. He foresees however that if any steps are taken in the peace treaty to nullify the German Constitution's provision for freedom of scientific research a terrific row will be generated among the British and American scientists who are already restive under existing national controls. He feels that this problem must be attacked and solved preferably on an Anglo-American-French basis but certainly on a basis which is agreeable between the English and Americans. He says that it is not too early to think about this now and he suggests that you apply your thought and your influence to its solution. His own idea is to have the matter handled by NATO which could pass some regulatory ordinance bearing on all of the NATO countries, one of which would certainly be Germany. I told him that I agreed with him as to the need for facing this problem as soon as possible but that I was extremely doubtful as to how far it would be practical to get anything done through NATO.

03771

CONFIDENTIAL

