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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SPAATZ:

Confirming our conversation, I think our briefing approach is wrong. Some of the briefings for the President appeared to be based on close room conference.

I suggest that first, those people who give the briefings should undergo more thorough instruction from people experienced in giving them well, and only obviously able people in the presentation of briefings should in the future should ever give briefings before higher or important authority.

Secondly nearly all people remember through their eyes better than through their ears. Would suggest, therefore, that prior to AMC briefing, the written prepared report be distributed to the National Security Council, along with photostats of reports and photographs that are to be used in conjunction with the briefing, in order that the President and the Council can follow with the eyes as well as the ears.

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WAS UNHAPPY WITH BRIEFING OF THE AMC AND R&D BRIEFING OFFICERS AND SYMINGTON WANTED BUSH AND TWINING TO MEET WITH TRUMAN BEFORE NSC MEETING ON THE 26TH SO THAT A MORE CONCISE AND EXPLAINABLE REPORT OF THE DISCOVERY WOULD BE MADE.