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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE NINTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED BY THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPING THE PEACEFUL USES OF
ATOMIC ENERGY; REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Letter dated 23 September 1954 from the Chairman of the United States
delegation to the General Assembly, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 23 September 1954

I have the honour to request, under rule 15 of the rules of procedure, that
an item entitled "International co-operation in developing the peaceful uses of
atomic energy: report of the United States of America" be added to the agenda
of the General Assembly as an important and urgent question.

In connexion with the above-mentioned request I attach an explanatory
memorandum, in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

(Signed)

H.C. LODGE, Jr.
Chairman

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPING THE PEACEFUL USES
OF ATOMIC ENERGY: REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The President of the United States, in his statement to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly on 8 December 1953, made far-reaching proposals to set up an international atomic energy agency under the aegis of the United Nations to develop plans whereby the peaceful use of atomic energy would be expedited. The President further indicated the willingness of the United States to take up with the Powers "principally involved" the development of plans for such an agency.

During the past year the United States has engaged in discussions on this subject with the Powers principally involved with atomic energy matters, and particularly with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. While the attempt to secure the co-operation of the USSR in this endeavour has not been successful, the other Governments with whom the United States has discussed this proposal have indicated general agreement on the objectives of the proposal and on the general nature of the international atomic energy agency.

The United States intends to proceed immediately, in conjunction with the other nations principally involved, to create an international agency to develop the constructive uses of atomic energy. This approach excludes no nation from participation in this great venture. As more precise plans take shape, all nations interested in participating and willing to take on the responsibilities of membership will be welcome to join in the planning and execution of this programme.

The United States believes an international scientific conference of representatives of Governments and scientists would be useful in identifying the technical areas in which progress can best be made in applying atomic energy to peaceful ends, and accordingly suggests that the United Nations should convene

such a conference. The United States intends at the appropriate time to describe in greater detail the nature of such a conference and its objectives.

There have been other significant developments during the past year in connexion with peaceful uses of nuclear energy concerning which the United States will report.

The United States believes that an explanation of these matters is of such import to all nations that it warrants the addition of this item to the General Assembly's agenda as an important and urgent matter.
