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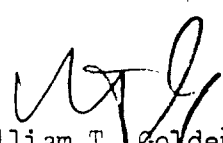
SUBJECT: Conversation with Prof. Bernard Brodie

On the evening of November 4, in New York, Prof. Brodie and I had a discussion which was devoted almost exclusively to his telling me about the study he recently made for the U. S. Air Force at the request of Generals Vandenberg and Norstad. He is a professor at Yale's Institute of International Relations, was an officer in the Bureau of Ordnance and other parts of the Navy during the war, was an instructor for a period at the National War College in 1946, and in January 1951 will take a leave of absence from Yale in order to do a long-time tour with RAND, principally in their Washington Office. He will be in what is called their Social Sciences Division, and will be concerned with military affairs, particularly with the objective of preparing an overall study on the uses of strategic and tactical air power.

He recommended that I meet Dr. Hans Speier, who is in charge of the Social Science Division of RAND in Washington. He also recommended that I have a discussion with Dr. Nathan Leites, who is on the RAND staff, but is working in New York and can be reached at his home address, 330 Central Park West. Dr. Leites also teaches ~~of~~ <sup>a</sup> course at Yale, one day a week, or something of the sort. He is an outstanding expert on Russian political matters. He speaks Russian. Brodie characterizes him as brilliant, and says the only other person he would rank equally high in this category is George Kennan. Leites is around 43.

The rest of the discussion related to classified matters which are covered in a separate classified memorandum under this same title and date.

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