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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Telephone conversation with Dr. James Killian,
President of M.I.T.

Dr. Killian telephoned me in New York from Boston following his meeting with Dr. Alfred Loomis last evening (see memo of conversation with Dr. Loomis).

He read me his draft memorandum covering the conclusions of the enlarged Killian Review Group conference at the RDB some two weeks ago. After saying that from his conversations with Bill Webster and Dr. Loomis yesterday he was delighted that his group's views and mine were completely in accord. He had been informed by Webster, as agreed, that I had submitted to the President my recommendation for the creation of a Scientific Adviser to the President.

The memorandum was completely in accord and specifically called for the creation of an individual as Scientific Adviser to the President. It represented the views of Compton, Bush, Bronk and the total of about a dozen who were present at that meeting. It is in distinction to Dr. Conant's preference for a committee.

He said, in response to my request, that he will send me a copy of the above memorandum as he had promised to do on his own initiative in our previous telephone conversation when he called me about two weeks ago.

He seemed quite enthusiastic about the Scientific Adviser to the President recommendation being in and said that I had handled the matter with great skill.

He preferred not to talk in detail of names but agreed to do so if I asked him to later on. He confirmed, however, Dr. Loomis' report of his comments on various individuals and confirmed that his views in general were identical with those of Compton's.

WTG:vc

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