

'Tube Alloys' aide-memoire, September 18, 1944. In September 1944, FDR and Churchill met at Hyde Park to discuss progress on the atomic bomb project, which the British code-named 'Tube Alloys.' On September 18, they initialed this aide-memoire defining an Anglo-American agreement on the weapon's first use, postwar collaboration on atomic research, and the need to keep the project a secret from the USSR. Neither knew that Russian spies were keeping Stalin informed about it.



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Aide-memoire of conversation between the President and the Prime Minister at Hyde Park, September 18, 1944.

1. The suggestion that the world should be informed regarding Tube Alloys, with a view to an international agreement regarding its control and use, is not accepted. The matter should continue to be regarded as of the utmost secrecy; but when a "bomb" is finally available, it might perhaps, after mature consideration, be used against the Japanese, who should be warned that this bombardment will be repeated until they surrender.

2. Full collaboration between the United States and the British Government in developing Tube Alloys for military and commercial purposes should continue after the defeat of Japan unless and until terminated by joint agreement.

3. Enquiries should be made regarding the activities of Professor Bohr and steps taken to ensure that he is responsible for no leakage of information, particularly to the Russians.

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