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U - Mr. Stettinius:

In accordance with your request I have inspected the facilities at the Bureau of Standards and find that the necessary accommodations are not available. Although they have three rather unattractive rooms which might be used for group meetings, they are in separate buildings. I do not believe they are appropriate for the type of meetings which will be held. No rooms are available which could be used as offices for the respective delegations.

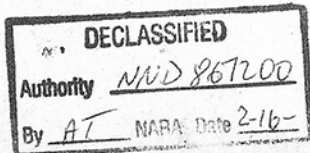
It is my considered opinion that the Bureau of Standards would not be suitable.

I have also, at the suggestion of Mr. Hiss, inspected Dumbarton Oaks. I believe adequate facilities could be made available both for meeting rooms and for offices for the respective delegations. There are two rooms which could comfortably accommodate twenty to thirty people in round-table fashion and one large room in which fifty people could be seated in the same manner.

There are also two smaller rooms on the first floor, seven on the second and a number of small bedrooms on the third floor, originally used by servants which could be used as offices. The bedrooms could be fitted for offices for the clerical help but it would be impossible to furnish them as executive offices.

The environment is ideal and arrangements could be made to serve buffet lunches, if desirable, as well as tea in the afternoon. It would be necessary, of course to furnish guards, office equipment and additional help to care for the building, et cetera. This, however, would not be too difficult.

I believe the necessary accommodations could be made available at the Dumbarton Oaks and I therefore recommend it for serious consideration.



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The other possibilities which occur to me are the Statler or Mayflower Hotels, possibly George Washington or Catholic Universities, or one or more of the Government Buildings.

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