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MEMORANDUM

May 4, 1959

The Speaker discussed with me House Joint Resolution 254 and stated that it was clearly understood that outside of the four members appointed from the Foreign Relations Committee, which would be the counterpart to the four members now operating in the Senate, that the rest of the appointments, numbering 8, would be for this meeting only.

I brought up the question of the chairmanship, and he stated that they were somewhat disturbed about it because we were insisting on George Aiken - and why were we? My answer was that we had a committee in operation here - and he asked what kind of committee? In reply I told him that for the past 6, 7 or 8 months we had had a joint Canadian-American Parliamentary group composed of members of the Canadian House and Senate and the United States Senate, and that we had had several meetings and that George had been chairman of the Senate group at those meetings. I suggested that I thought it might be a good idea to carry on this joint committee on the same order as the Joint Atomic Energy Committee and that George Aiken ought to be chairman for the rest of this Congress, and the next Congress, the House chairman would take over. The Speaker stated he thought that could be ironed out but to get the resolution passed and if it was not possible for a chairman, maybe they would agree on co-chairmen. I told him I would see what I could do.