

Item 1--Chairman's Remarks

The Vice President opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Katzenbach in his new role as Undersecretary of State to his first meeting of the Marine Science Council. He then invited attention to the President's recent announcement of the appointment of the Commission on Marine Resources and Engineering Development, on January 9, 1967. In describing the credentials of the Commissioners, the Vice President expressed his gratification "that Dr. Julius Stratton has agreed to serve as Chairman. . . . As former President of MIT and now Chairman of the Board of the Ford Foundation he brings to this Commission outstanding qualifications of experience, stature, and objectivity. Although the primary task of this Commission is a final report due some 18 months hence, I am hopeful that it may serve as an advisory body to our Council. We are trying to work out the relationships of coordination and of friendly consultation so that we do not pursue two separate courses but that we work together as a family or at least as partners in this common endeavor."

The Vice President announced his intention of meeting with Dr. Stratton on the following Friday to offer the resources of the Council. He asked each of the Council members to afford the Commission every possible cooperation including personal contacts.

The Vice President then announced the arrival of the six thousand ton Soviet oceanographic ship LOMONOSOV into San Francisco harbor. The State Department had granted clearance for admission of the ship at the request of the Council staff, which has been working with the National Academy of Sciences, the Mayor of San Francisco, and the Governor of California. He further expressed his intention of sending a message to the chief scientist and captain of the Soviet ship regarding United States-Soviet cooperation.

The Vice President briefly discussed the first annual report of the Council, commending the group for its work in assessing the recommendations and selecting the final nine priority areas. He further reported successful inclusion of all of the Council's projects in the President's Budget. He announced that a special message would be used as a vehicle to transmit the Council's report to the Congress, probably mid-February. He asked that the information discussed in the report be held as privileged until released by the President, following which the Council members were encouraged to elaborate on their own programs in relation to marine science.



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