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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : R. R. Roach *RR*

SUBJECT: DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: July 9, 1954

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On July 7, 1954, AEC Chairman Strauss furnished the following information to Liaison Agent Bates. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton called Strauss and stated that he desired to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees for some time in July and if Oppenheimer would not submit his resignation, it would be requested. Strauss discussed the matter further with the Chairman of the Board and it was decided that this meeting should be put off until the early fall since if Oppenheimer were requested to resign now, it would appear that this was a direct result of a personal vindictiveness on the part of Strauss. Strauss commented that of the 13 members of the Board of Trustees, 8 of them would vote to oust Oppenheimer from his position at the Institute.

Strauss further commented that recently when the British Delegation was in this country with Prime Minister Churchill, he talked to Lord Cherwell about a report in the press that Oppenheimer might be offered a permanent position with a university in England. Strauss told Lord Cherwell that this could quite possibly result in another Pontecorvo case and that Strauss did not think it would be too advisable for any British institution to offer Oppenheimer permanent employment. Lord Cherwell stated that he certainly agreed and that he did not desire to have another Pontecorvo case occur. As a result he told Strauss that he would look into the matter and make sure that no such invitation was extended to Oppenheimer.

ACTION:

This is for your information.

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