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thought W was public relations officer at Redstone. Weisman said "we"  
have been discussing the Wilson memo & W handed H a copy  
of the Cousins and said he'd like for H to look it over. He  
further stated that this was a copy for Hunt to keep. H looked  
through it briefly & noted some points of interest to Reynolds  
interests. Weisman & H were in this conference 15 or 20 min.  
M.C. Duke the Plant mgr. (who is cleared for Secret) was present.  
Mr. Hunt later (several days) read the document in detail & he  
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the various missile programs of interest. In Reynolds  
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Ask H the specific question: had the information contained  
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the associated papers prove helpful to you in your  
long-range overall planning in the missile field?  
His answer will be "YES".

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H mailed a copy to Ed Hyde in Reynolds D.C. office. Col Abrams  
of the Louisiana CID used H about the copies he had & H gave  
the 5 copies to Col Abrams. Hyde returned his copy to Duke  
Mr. Duke was the only person except H who saw the <sup>as he had the</sup> ~~copy~~  
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The Pros. asked him why did he go to Reynolds.

He said the office had planned to contact the contractors & went to Reynolds & only told Dickerson after he returned.

The P. asked W if in his judgment the Paper should not have been classified. He told them he did not see any technical information that should have been classified.

The P. returned W. He said they did not have a steno or take any notes.

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