

Week 2: Building the Bomb — Discussion

- Contingency == coincidence
- 1. Frisch-Peierls Memo
 - Fear of Germany making the bomb because they were refugees from Germany who saw the horror first hand
- 2. Memos to Truman
 - Groves doesn't want anything from Truman, just wants to say he told him the info about the project
 - Stimson wants Truman to start thinking in the big picture
- 3. Groves and Meaning of Hanford
 - Groves wanted it to succeed because he thought his career was on the line
 - Groves actually wanted to drop them all to end the war, didn't think 2 would do the job