How did the Congressmen on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy understand and receive the General Advisory Commission Report of October 1949?

Notes:

They didn’t really like that the scientists were forcing their hand especially that one senator.

The scientists made them think about the endgame policy.

What exactly building this bomb would achieve in terms of international policy.

Outline:

Intro

Summary <- intro to events, introduction of chairman and mean senator

Reason for meeting = leak on national tv? Double check

Hypo: the scientist’s general advisory report did not have a good reception but did have its intended effect. The GAC understood that total human annihilation was why this weapon should never be built.

Main point 1:

How the senators received the letter

Analysis:

Did not like that the scientists put their own opinions in the feasibility study. –that’s clear.

Discuss the later points that the scientists are civilians and are raising their point. Also that it is so important to them that they actually protested this. Quote people saying this makes sense. Also explain why the peeps are hesitant on taking advice. Point to the current political situation.

Main Point 2:

Senators understanding the letter.

Analysis:

Implications of the super in general. They acknowledge there is something wrong here with this many people getting killed.

Main Point 3:

Analysis

Conclusion