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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Philip J. Farley  
Department of State

SUBJECT: INITIATION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMAN, NETHERLANDS, AND  
U.K. GOVERNMENTS REGARDING CONTROL OF GAS CENTRIFUGE  
INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT

I refer to previous correspondence between the Commission and the  
Department, subject: "Control of and Cooperation in Gas Centrifuge  
Research and Development Technology."

The Commission has now considered this problem, including your prelimi-  
nary views transmitted to Mr. Wells by memorandum of March 23, 1960,  
and the discussions which took place April 1. The Commission feels that  
exploratory discussions should be initiated promptly with the German,  
Dutch, and U.K. Governments to seek control of gas centrifuge equipment  
and materials and control of centrifuge technology.

I therefore recommend that the Department take appropriate steps as  
expeditiously as possible to arrange discussions with these three  
Governments. In this regard, it would, in our judgment, be most desirable  
to hold such discussions in Europe. In view of the delicacy of both the  
classification and the political problems involved, we suggest a mission  
made up of representatives of the Department and the Commission.

If these suggestions meet with your approval, I would appreciate your  
designating a member or members of your staff to join with Mr. Wells  
on an urgent basis to do the necessary preparatory work.

- cc: Division of Security
- Division of Production
- Division of Classification
- Division of Research
- Division of Reactor Development
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