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A.R. Luedecke, General Manager, Atomic Energy Commission, to Philip J. Farley, Department of State

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Summary:

The AEC agrees to initiate talks with Western European nations in the attempt to control nuclear proliferation through the classification of gas centrifuge technology.

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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
- Office of General Counsel
- AGMIA

John
A. R. Luedecke
General Manager

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