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EAST-WEST STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS - MODIFICATION OF LIST OF ATOMIC
ENERGY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT EMBARGOED TO THE SOVIET BLOC

A review of the items on the East-West strategic trade control lists has been undertaken by the Paris Coordinating Committee (COCOM). The AEC has been requested by Vice Admiral W. S. DeLany, Chairman, Economic Defense Advisory Committee, to review and update the list of atomic energy items embargoed to the Soviet bloc by the COCOM participating countries. United Kingdom authorities have suggested some deletions and modifications to the list. In view of the limited value of some items (such as radiation detection and measuring instruments) to fissionable material production programs, and the supply position in the Soviet bloc, it is unlikely that their continued embargo would be effective. Since some of the items recommended by the U. K. for deletion have important fissionable material production applications, their retention on the list is being recommended by AEC staff members.

The attached letter for your signature has been prepared for transmittal to Admiral DeLany. The views expressed in this letter are the result of consultations with appropriate headquarters technical personnel and the Director of Intelligence.

Since the COCOM group is now in session in Paris and is expected to begin its discussions regarding the atomic energy list within the next two or three weeks, it is important that the AEC's views be transmitted to the Economic Defense Advisory Committee immediately.

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