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Dr. C. H. Reichardt, Director of Intelligence

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Harry S. Traynor, Assistant General Manager

**INTRODUCTION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL INTO THE UNITED STATES**

Reference is made to the communication dated June 16, 1959, from D.R. Strahler, Acting Commissioner of Customs, to Mr. J. Patrick Coyne, Internal Security Representative on the NSC. It was by means of a copy of this letter, which was sent to me as AEC representative on the U.S. Intelligence Board, that AEC was formally informed of the introduction of radioactive material into the U.S. by a Mr. Georgiy Doroshov, a Soviet official, whose baggage contained a package for the Soviet exhibit in New York. By subsequent communications, we were informed by the FBI of additional packages or crates of material which had been brought into the U.S. by the Soviets, presumably for the New York exhibition, and which produced a positive radioactive indication.

This whole subject has received the attention of various Divisions of the AEC, and I understand, now, that the Division of Licensing & Regulation has a proposal before the General Manager which will finalize the administrative action, subject of course to further scrutiny being maintained on the materials as long as they remain in the U.S.

I have kept Mr. J. Walter Tangle of the Dept. of Justice, and Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald of the FBI, informally advised of AEC action on the matter.

However, when the AEC's position has been finalized and the AEC action for the present has been closed out, I think we owe a letter, which finalizes the action taken, to Mr. Coyne, with copies to members of the USIA.

Will you please undertake to prepare a "draft" of such a letter - as Acting AEC Representative on the USIA - and arrange for its transmittal as soon as practicable. You will, of course, want to coordinate it with the Directors of the Divisions of Licensing & Regulation (who may be

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preparing a letter to Mr. Yeagley), Security, Military Application, Inspection, and the Office of the General Counsel.

Enclosed is my file on the subject.

**Encs.**

1. Memo dtd 7/7/59 - Waters to Nelson w/enc. of cy of ltr fr FHE dtd 6/25/59 (CONFIDENTIAL)
2. Memorandum of Telephone conversation between Traynor and Eber Price (L&R) on 7/6/59 (CONFIDENTIAL)
3. Memo dtd 6/25/59 - Traynor to Files (Unclassified)
4. Memo dtd 6/24/59 - Traynor to Files (CONFIDENTIAL)
5. Cy of memo dtd 6/22/59 - Traynor to Nelson (Attn: Mann) (CONFIDENTIAL)
6. Cy of memo dtd 6/19/59 - Traynor to Files (CONFIDENTIAL)
7. Cy of ltr dtd 6/16/59 - Strubinger (Customs) to Coyne (RSC) with distribution list (CONFIDENTIAL)
8. Cy of ltr dtd 6/2/59 - Flynn (Customs) to Commissioner of Customs (CONFIDENTIAL)

**Information copies furnished:-- (w/e encs)**

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