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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Working Group No. 1,
Economic Defense Advisory Committee

FROM: SAC Member, EDAC

SUBJECT: GERMAN PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE ATOMIC ENERGY LIST
ITEM 35 (LITHIUM), POLTO 2007, MARCH 6, 1957

The ADAC has considered the subject proposal to redefine Atomic Energy List Item 35 to (1) exclude all compounds except lithium chloride and lithium hydride or (2) to permit "exports of such lithium compounds for which proof has been established that they may serve peaceful purposes."

We are unable to agree with either of these proposals since we have no information to justify a change in our position as stated in our memorandum of March 9, 1955 recommending the embargo to the Soviet bloc of lithium metal, compounds, ores and concentrates. It is recognized that a number of lithium compounds have peaceful uses in the glass and ceramics industry, but it is our position that if the embargo on lithium is to be effective, all lithium compounds must be included as well as metal, ores and concentrates.

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