

(which are well known to both the USA and the UK), feel free to accept even an initial and temporary limitation of this kind.

4. As regards the details of the proposed registration system we would agree that they need considerable clarification. With reference to the point made in the UK draft, we should assume that prices would not be registered but only quantities. It is not however clear how a sale would be defined: i.e. whether registration would apply on delivery; when the contract was signed; or upon indication of intent to supply. It would also be as well to make quite explicit the intention to require joint notification by seller and buyer since otherwise Agency safeguards would not apply. If a convenient opportunity arises, we agree that there might usefully be a discussion among the Western suppliers on the principle of establishing a register and the best methods of overcoming the above-mentioned and other difficulties.

5. We are currently considering the precise form of our own reply to the USA aide mémoire, which will require ministerial approval.

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Ambassador in United States
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Washington, March 4, 1960

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URANIUM SALES — USA AIDE MÉMOIRE DECEMBER 29

Manfull of State Department informed us that to date USA has received no repeat no reply to their December 29 aide mémoire. On reviewing their aide mémoire they have concluded that it was not repeat not phrased as clearly as it might be and are planning, in the next few days, to issue a letter of clarification they hope that this action may prompt some replies. The only reference Manfull would make to the content of this explanatory letter was that it would make clear the intention to require joint notification of sales.

2. You may wish to delay formulation of the Canadian reply until you have had an opportunity to examine this clarifying letter.

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[Ottawa], May 17, 1960

USA NOTE ON REGISTRATION OF URANIUM SALES

Our Washington Embassy has been informed by the State Department that the United Kingdom and Australia have both replied to the USA note saying that the suggestion appeared