

Research Institute. The fusion and solar energy reports were made available to the Interdepartmental Task Force on Energy R&D and considered in establishing the R&D priorities. At present, a report on the general subject of hydrogen as an element in the national energy base is being prepared. It will be completed by the end of 1975 and it too will be submitted to the Task Force. These three areas of energy technology coincide precisely, though not by design, with the topics in the International Energy Agency of OECD R&D program which deals with new energy sources and the longer range problems.

D. MAJOR POLICY INITIATIVES.

70. In an earlier comment regarding the role of MOSST, the point was made that the Ministry would take the lead in promoting policy development studies or expediting specific programs when it was clear that the necessary organization or initiative were lacking.

71. MOSST has on a number of occasions identified problems or opportunities in high technology areas that were not receiving adequate attention and has taken the initiative in bringing together the necessary departments and organizing the development of policy.

72. Two types of policy are involved: policies for the development and use of technology in areas of priority concern such as the oceans, space, food and energy (these will usually be areas which do not fall within the statutory responsibility of any one department or agency), and policies governing general procedures relating to the use of S&T resources. The latter will be policies such as "Make or Buy" which the government wishes observed by all departments and agencies.

73. MOSST has had a full central role in two of these R&D policy developments: "Make or Buy" and "Oceans Policy", and a