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*The Commissioner of the European Communities to  
the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Canada*

Brussels, January 16, 1978

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires,

I refer to the exchange of letters between us of 16 January 1978 regarding nuclear safeguards, and have the honour to state further as follows, for the information of the Canadian authorities:

During the Council consideration of the above mentioned exchange, it was agreed that the following represented our understanding of the procedure provided for in (c).

1. Supply of Canadian material to persons in the territory of the seven non-nuclear weapon states parties to the Euratom/IAEA verification agreement, and transfer of such material within these States:

This event would raise no problem, the verification agreement having entered into force on February 21, 1977.

2. Supply of Canadian material to the United Kingdom or transfer of Canadian material into the United Kingdom:

Although the trilateral UK/Euratom/IAEA agreement has not yet entered into force, no interim agreements providing IAEA verification of such material in the United Kingdom will be required by Canada for a reasonable period of time, which should not exceed 18 months starting from December 23, 1976.

3. Supply of Canadian material to France or transfer of Canadian material into France:

Canadian material for end-use in France shall be submitted to IAEA verification as from the entry into force of the trilateral France/Euratom/IAEA agreement currently under negotiation.

The Council took note of a statement by the French representative that material subject to the Canada/Euratom Agreement of 1959, as amended, would not be employed for end use in France before the entry into force of this trilateral agreement.

The Council also took note that the Canadian Government, given the application of Euratom safeguards and their verification under the trilateral France/Euratom/IAEA agreement currently under negotiation, agrees that Canadian material may be