

most hopeful that offers. I therefore suggest that we verbally inform the United States Embassy in Ottawa that we are in agreement.⁵²⁸

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Ambassador in United States
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Repeat London, Paris (Priority), Geneva, Brussels from Ottawa (Priority) (Information).

By Bag Vienna from London

SAFEGUARDS

Following is the text of a Note of December 29 from the State Department on this subject:
Text Begins:

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to his Excellency the Ambassador of Canada and has the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place during the past year in London and Vienna on the subject of safeguards to ensure against the diversion of atomic energy materials for military purposes.

As the Government of Canada is aware, the September meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna provisionally approved Annex I of the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency which annex included certain criteria for determining when safeguards would be required. There is thus established within the Agency a foundation for a system of international controls against the diversion to military purposes of atomic energy materials and facilities supplied for civil uses. To make such a system operative the Government of USA believes that it is necessary, in keeping with the criteria and other provisions of Annex I, that a central registration point be established for all sales of nuclear materials and facilities concerning which a commitment is given that they will be used only for peaceful purposes. This government considers that the International Atomic Energy Agency should be designated as such a central point.

The Government of USA suggests, therefore, that the eight natural uranium supplier nations of the western world join together in seeking agreement by all member states of the Agency to register sales of natural uranium for peaceful purposes with the International Atomic Energy Agency. This government is prepared to notify the Agency concerning the nuclear materials and facilities exported from USA for civil uses subject to USA safeguards and to encourage its partners in agreements for cooperation covering civil uses to join in this notification.

The Government of USA would appreciate receiving the views of the Government of Canada as soon as possible regarding this matter.

⁵²⁸ Note marginale :/Marginal note:
Miss Burwash I agree [A.E. Ritchie]