

“The Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) presents its compliments to the Canadian Embassy and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of its note of December 16, 1958, concerning the desire of the Canadian Government to cooperate with Euratom in the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The Commission welcomes the proposal of the Canadian government to negotiate a general agreement of cooperation, providing a framework for the subsequent organization of a joint programme of research and development on natural uranium heavy-water reactors.

Therefore, the Commission would be agreeable to enter into contact with the competent Canadian authorities at their earliest convenience, in the course of January, 1959, at Euratom Headquarters in Brussels.” Ends.

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pour le Cabinet*

*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Cabinet*

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THE COMBINED POLICY COMMITTEE

Recently the United States State Department handed to our Embassy in Washington a draft Aide-Mémoire proposing that the Canada-United States-United Kingdom Combined Policy Committee, established in 1943 to further the atomic bomb project, be reactivated with expanded terms of reference.

2. The United States proposals (attached as Appendix A) stem directly from the Declaration of Common Purpose⁵³ signed by President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan in October of 1957 which emphasized the need for interdependence, particularly in the broad defence field. Revisions to the United States Atomic Energy Act, passed by Congress at its last Session, as noted in the draft Aide-Mémoire, permit more extensive co-operation to be carried out in the nuclear field. Reactivation of the Combined Policy Committee along the lines proposed is considered by the United States and the United Kingdom (which has agreed to the United States proposals) to be a logical next step forward as it would provide an umbrella for practical forms of co-operation in military research and development, in both the nuclear and non-nuclear fields, and appropriate Ministerial machinery through which the various forms of technical co-operation could be guided and

⁵³ Voir/See United States, Department of State, *Bulletin*, Volume XXXVII, No. 959, November 11, 1957, pp. 739-741.