

possible for example to withdraw natural uranium from the list of “trigger” items while maintaining the controls on the more directly dangerous items such as fissionable material, reactors and separation plants.

9. I would also suggest that our representatives in a number of key countries might be instructed to make it clear to the governments to which they are accredited, at a regular senior level, that Canada is very concerned to have effective international safeguards. The occasion for such approaches could be the need to prepare for the June meetings of the I.A.E.A.

10. The attitude of the USSR on this whole matter is also of great importance, and there is some evidence that they share our concern to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. It might be useful if I were to speak to the Soviet Ambassador.⁵²¹ The Soviet authorities have not opposed safeguards, but have also not given any open support to them, no doubt in order not to offend under-developed countries such as India which are suspicious of safeguards. India is of course one of the countries we might approach⁵²² in a further attempt to make clear our attitude that safeguards are not controls imposed by “advanced” countries on “under-developed” countries, but are a form a mutual insurance against the further spread of the menace of nuclear weapons.⁵²³

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The Board concluded its debate on safeguards for the June series of meetings on June 27, but since Barton will be engaged in discussion of other items until the middle of this week and will be unable to prepare a full report before July 3, I thought I should send from Geneva the following brief account of what transpired.

2. Consideration of the Secretariat's safeguards paper (GOV/334) opened with a lengthy general debate at which the traditional attitudes of the various governors were expressed. Board

⁵²¹ Ce qui fut fait le 27 mai. Voir le télégramme d'Ottawa à Londres ET-719, 28 mai † MAE 14001-2-6.

This was done on May 27. See Ottawa to London telegram ET-719, May 28, † DEA 14001-2-6.

⁵²² Robertson rencontra le haut-commissaire de l'Inde le 3 juin. Voir le télégramme d'Ottawa à Londres ET-774, 10 juin, † MAE 14001-2-6.

Robertson met with the Indian High Commissioner on June 3. See Ottawa to London telegram ET-774, June 10, † DEA 14001-2-6.

⁵²³ Note marginale :/Marginal note:

Prime Minister has approved recommendations. M.A. C[roWE]