

Both the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Finance were in support of his recommendation.

64. *The Cabinet* agreed with the recommendation of the Minister of Trade and Commerce that,

(a) the Canadian representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency be authorized to submit a sealed tender for 3,000 - 3,200 kilograms of natural uranium at the price of nil, f.o.b. Canadian seaboard; paragraph 9 of the tender, which required information on "other conditions of sale," would indicate that this uranium was provided on the understanding that the agency would apply to this material Articles XII and XIV E of the statute which defined the agency's responsibilities for safeguards and sale of uranium to a member;

(b) the agency would be informed that this tender was submitted in order to help expedite its activities and did not constitute a precedent; and,

(c) if the tender were accepted, Parliament would be requested to approve the inclusion of funds in the final supplementary estimates, 1958-59, to meet the cost of this material.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Affaires extérieures
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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[Ottawa], December 29, 1958

You will remember that when Mr. Wershof was in Ottawa earlier this year you agreed that he should plan on paying us another visit in the course of 1959. The main purpose of his visit would be to hold consultations with the Canadian authorities, and also, it was hoped, with the United States authorities in Washington, about the future of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The tentative proposal was that Mr. Wershof should visit Ottawa in February. During the past few weeks, however, we have learned that the U.S. authorities do not think that fruitful consultations about the future of the Agency could be held at so early a date.

While I was in Paris, I spoke to Mr. Wershof about the best timing for his visit. He said that he would be willing to postpone it; but if it were not to take place in February, it would be difficult for him to fit it in before early May. I promised to let him know which of those times we would prefer. Since returning to Ottawa, I have discussed this matter with those in the Department who are primarily concerned with atomic energy matters and they are in agreement that a visit in May would be much preferable to one in February.

If you have no objections, therefore, I would propose to send the attached brief message† to Mr. Wershof in Geneva to convey that decision to him.³⁶ A copy of his telegram, reminding me of our conversation in Paris and asking for an early decision, is also attached.‡

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³⁶ Note marginale :/Marginal note:
I agree N.A. R[obertson]