

2. In telephone conversation this morning with Staderini, he warned that despite good intentions on both sides, it may be that matters will not repeat not have advanced sufficiently to enable substantive negotiations to take place in January when team of Canadian officials are expected to be in Europe. He explained that although the Commission would be the negotiating unit the draft agreement would have to be cleared with each of the six governments before the Commission would be authorized to negotiate, and on the basis of past experience this procedure was likely to involve some delay. We suggested that contact between the Commission and officials from Ottawa might be desirable in January if only to clarify some aspects of the proposed agreement whether technical or otherwise. Staderini concurred and said that he personally would do everything possible to ensure that commission officials were in a position to discuss agreement effectively when Canadian officials visit Brussels.

3. Provided there are no chances to discuss with you we shall send a letter to the Acting President of the Euratom Commission as soon as we have cleared informally your draft text with Staderini. Other addressees of this telegram will be advised so that they may inform local foreign ministries as instructed in paragraph 7 of your telegram.

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AGREEMENT WITH EURATOM

This morning I saw Staderini to discuss text which should be sent to the Euratom Commission proposing that Canada and Euratom enter into negotiations. Staderini suggested this might take the form of a note to the Commission since the President's post had not repeat not been formally filled since resignation of Mr. Armand. He suggested that for presentational reasons it might be desirable to revise slightly the first sentence of the final paragraph to read as follows:

"If Euratom should wish to develop co-operative relations with Canada in this field and to negotiate an agreement for this purpose, the Canadian authorities would be glad to enter into contact as soon as possible with the competent services of Euratom with a view to establishing a draft agreement as a basis for negotiation." Staderini said that if the note was received today there was a good chance that it could be discussed by this week's meeting of the Euratom Commissioners and that we might have the reply of Euratom before Christmas. In these circumstances, and since the drafting changes were of a very minor