

## EURATOM

1. UK and USA officials will already be aware of our plans for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy with Euratom.

2. When Mr. Gray, President of AECL, was in London in October he spoke informally to Sir Edwin Plowden and the other senior officials of UKAEA on this subject and inquired whether UK would be interested in participating in our proposed joint research and development programme with Euratom. UK officials indicated that their other commitments would not permit such participation.

3. Our Euratom plans have also been discussed informally with officials of USAEC. They have welcomed our proposed joint programme with Euratom and have indicated that USA would probably agree to participate in it, once we have concluded our agreement with Euratom. We welcome these indications of USA interest.

4. We would be grateful if London and Washington would inform Foreign Office and State Department that we now intend to approach Euratom formally on this matter. We do not think it necessary to go into details but we would be glad if London would take this opportunity of seeking an account from UK officials of the difficulties encountered in UK negotiations with Euratom (Brussels telegram 541 December 5† refers). We are particularly interested in the safeguards issue, since we think it important to maintain a common front with UK and USA viz-à-viz Euratom on this. We realize that UK authorities may not feel free to give us a copy of current draft of UK-Euratom agreement, but it would be most helpful to us if they were able to do so. Please reply by telegram, including text of draft, if available.

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Ambassador in Belgium  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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## EURATOM AGREEMENT

Staderini and others responsible for external relations at Euratom Commission are leaving for London today in connection with negotiations for agreement between UK and Euratom. In these circumstances, we will not repeat not be able to discuss text of proposed note to President of Commission before December 17 at earliest. In view of importance which is attached to this agreement by both Canada and Euratom, we fully agree that a draft agreement should be prepared as soon as possible for transmission to the Commission. In this respect it would be most helpful if you could let us have a copy of Canadian standard draft bilateral to which you refer in paragraph 4 of your telegram.