

(a) We envisage the conclusion of an agreement which will provide a general framework for cooperation between Canada and Euratom. Our present inclination is to work from our standard draft bilateral agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, modifying it as necessary; we recognize that substantial changes may be required. This framework agreement would make mention of the joint research and development programme, the broad outlines of which might be set out in an annex. A technical agreement establishing the details of the joint programme would probably have to be negotiated subsequently between AECL and appropriate organs of Euratom. We think that it is neither necessary nor desirable for the United States to be a party to either the framework or the technical agreement, but the latter would be worked out in consultation with USAEC, with a view to USA participation in the joint programme.

(b) The proposed joint research and development programme would not involve any joint construction. (Please make this point clear orally to Euratom.) Initially it would probably be confined to exchanges of information but might subsequently involve a sharing of development work on the full scale power reactor now being undertaken by the Nuclear Power Plant Division of AECL.

(c) We would like to make rapid progress in drafting an agreement, with a view to early negotiations with Euratom. Some of the Canadian officials directly concerned are expected to be in Europe in January and, if matters have advanced sufficiently, we would like to take advantage of their presence to establish a team, including appropriate members of your Embassy, for these negotiations.

5. We intend to consult closely with you and Euratom officials in the drafting of the framework agreement. We have a number of queries which we will raise with you shortly but consider it would be desirable first to complete the formal exchange of letters with the Euratom Commission.

6. London: Please pass a copy of this and subsequent messages on Euratom to Mr. Pierce.

7. Paris Embassy, The Hague, Bonn, Rome: When Brussels has notified you that our formal approach has been made to Euratom, please inform local Foreign Ministry and express the hope that our initiative will receive their support.

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