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A FRENCH PROPOSED EXPORT OF ELECTRONIC TUBES TO POLAND7th September 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents No. 3502, 3536, 3545, 3563, 3641.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to a Memorandum submitted by the French Delegation (COCOM 3641) concerning the export to Poland of electronic tubes (COCOM 3502). Recalling that this case had already been discussed in the Committee (see COCOM 3536, 3545 and 3563), he invited the Delegates to give the views of their Governments on this request.
2. The GERMAN, ITALIAN and NETHERLANDS Delegates said that their Governments raised no objection to this export.
3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that, in spite of the various changes in the end-use of these electronic valves, his authorities saw no objection to the export of the valves on the understanding that they would be used in marine radars only. They did not consider that there was any special know-how in the tubes and the quantity of spares appeared to be reasonable.
4. The JAPANESE Delegate said that his Government raised no objection to this export.
5. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that according to the information resulting from the Registry of Polish Ships of September 1958, 33 Polish ships only were equipped with radar. The order placed by Poland with the French company, nowever, would make it possible to equip 50 ships. The United States authorities would therefore be grateful if the various Member Governments could state what number of marine radars they had supplied to Poland, either separately or already installed on ships, so that this figure might be taken into consideration by the French authorities. The Delegate added that his Government raised no objection to the French export but they hoped that, should the information obtained show that the order was in excess of the real requirements of the Polish fleet, the French authorities would be prepared to modify the export license accordingly.
6. The FRENCH Delegate thanked those delegations who had expressed their views. He said that he would forward to his authorities the comments made by his United States colleague and gave the latter the assurance that if his hypothesis proved to be correct, the French Government would not fail to revise the proposed transaction.

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