

S/TO 4278200 51 64

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~26th May, 1959.COCOM Document No. 3536BCOORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONA FRENCH PROPOSAL TO EXPORT ELECTRONIC VALVES TO POLAND14th May, 1959.

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

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3502

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee's attention to the French Delegation's submission concerning an export of electronic valves to Poland. He asked Delegates to make known their Governments' views on this request.
2. Before the discussion opened, the FRENCH Delegate informed the Committee of the replies he had given on a bilateral basis to certain Delegations who had asked for more details regarding this export. The French Delegate stated first of all that his Government had received from the Polish authorities the usual guarantees against re-exportation. Certain Delegations having been concerned to know whether the material intended for Poland should be considered as "airborne equipment" or as "ground equipment", the Delegate confirmed that the material involved would be installed as airborne equipment. Lastly, as to the number of valves to be exported, the Delegate stated that this corresponded to the equipment for 30 transport aircraft in service for one year, counting 5 valves of each category per set of apparatus (one in service, 4 in reserve). The Delegate hoped that these particulars, taken in conjunction with the special policy applied to Poland, would enable the Committee to give a favourable reply to his Government's request.
3. The ITALIAN and JAPANESE Delegates stated that their Governments had no objection to this export.
4. The NETHERLANDS Delegate stated that his Government had asked for further particulars regarding this shipment. He assumed that the details which the French Delegate had just supplied would enable his Government to reach a decision without delay.
5. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his Delegation had put a number of questions to the French Delegate bilaterally. As the French Delegation's replies had only reached the United States Delegation on the previous day, the Delegate did not know as yet to what extent those would influence his authorities' decision. The latter had considered that the French memorandum was not quite clear as to the exact use of the valves ordered by Poland. The United States Delegate took note of the French Delegate's statement to the effect that these valves would be fitted into airborne equipment and not ground equipment. The Delegate added that his Government considered that neither the number of aircraft nor the number of airfields in use in Poland would seem to justify the number of valves ordered, which appeared excessive for purely civilian needs. The Delegate concluded by stating that he hoped to receive his Government's reply in the course of the following week and would immediately transmit it to the French Delegation.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -

COCOM Document No. 3536B

6. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate pointed out that Polish civil aircraft were rather old-fashioned and that their airborne equipment was not very up to date either. Considering the value of these valves, it seemed uneconomic for the Poles to equip their aircraft with such modern apparatus. The United Kingdom Delegate would like to have some more specific information about the end-use, such as the type of apparatus for which the valves were required and also the types of aircraft into which they were to be fitted.

7. The FRENCH Delegate stated that he was unable to answer the United Kingdom Delegate's question as to the type of aircraft into which these valves were to be fitted. He would nevertheless let his United Kingdom colleague have the maximum information obtainable.

8. The BELGIAN Delegate stated that his Government would join the majority.

9. The GERMAN Delegate stated that his Delegation had asked the French Delegation bilaterally for additional details regarding this contemplated export. The German Delegation had forwarded the French Delegation's replies to Bonn and were awaiting their Government's instructions.

10. The DANISH Delegate stated that his Government had no objection to the request submitted by the French Delegation.

11. At the request of some Delegations, the FRENCH Delegate informed the Committee that the questions put by the German Delegation had been the following:

- (1) On what type of apparatus were these valves to be fitted: airborne apparatus or ground apparatus ?
- (2) Was such apparatus under embargo ?
- (3) What number of valves was intended for each set of apparatus and how many sets of apparatus were there on each aircraft ?

12. The FRENCH Delegate having no objection to the postponement of the discussion until the 25th May, it was AGREED that on that date the Committee would hear those Delegations who were at present uninstructed.

C O N F I D E N T I A L