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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION

ON THE EXPORT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF LITHIUM ALUMINIUM HYDRIDE

The German authorities have received an application to license a shipment to Czechoslovakia of

13kg lithium aluminium hydride,
covered by Item 35 of the Atomic Energy List,
valued at \$ 1116.

The material is the same as mentioned in COCOM Documents 3315, 3389, 3554, 3664, 3812 and CH/1588. It will be used as reducing agent in the production of pharmaceutical products.

It is extremely difficult to use this compound as source for lithium metal on account of its high percentage of aluminium, such a process would also be very uneconomical since there are sufficient natural resources of lithium-bearing minerals.

This case is submitted as an ad hoc request. The German authorities trust that in view of the small quantity and value involved, the civilian end-use, and the nature of the material no objection will be raised against this shipment. The German Delegation would appreciate hearing the views of Governments by June 1st, 1960.

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