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25th April, 1960COCOM Document No. 3953COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONA UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT A COMPUTER TO POLAND7th and 25th April, 1960

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

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3905.

1. The CHAIRMAN invited Delegations to state their Governments' views on the United Kingdom Delegation's submission concerning the proposed export to Poland of a "Short" analogue computer and ancillary equipment (COCOM Doc. 3905).
2. The BELGIAN Delegate stated that his authorities raised no objection since the special Polish exceptions procedure had been invoked.
3. The NETHERLANDS Delegate said that his authorities raised no objection, for the reason mentioned by his Belgian colleague and also because of the civilian end-use.
4. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that his authorities raised no objection, for the reason mentioned by his Belgian colleague and because of the assurances given by the United Kingdom Delegation.
5. The GERMAN Delegate said that his authorities raised no objection. He added that his Delegation might themselves submit an exceptions request concerning an analogue computer for delivery to Poland.
6. The CANADIAN, DANISH and TURKISH Delegates stated that their authorities raised no objection.
7. The FRENCH Delegate stated that his authorities raised no objection to this export in view of the country of destination.
8. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that, subsequent to the setting of the date for discussion of this case, he had received additional information from the United Kingdom Delegation. This had been forwarded to his authorities, but the Delegate had not as yet received their reply. He undertook to transmit this reply to his United Kingdom colleague immediately upon its arrival, and also to notify the Secretariat. He hoped that this might be possible before the 12th April.
9. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate thanked the United States Delegate, and also those Delegations who had expressed favourable views.
10. On the 25th April the UNITED STATES Delegate explained that he had, on the 12th April, informed the Secretariat and the United Kingdom Delegation that he would be able to transmit his Government's views within the next two days. Accordingly, on the 14th April, the Delegate informed the Secretariat and the United Kingdom Delegation that his authorities had no objections to the export concerned.

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

Reference: COCOM Doc. No. 3951.

1. The ITALIAN Delegate introduced the Memorandum submitted by his Delegation on that day (COCOM Doc. 3951), proposing the export to the Soviet Union of communications cable. He stated that the Italian authorities would like to hear the views of member Governments on the 25th April, and added that Delegations having preliminary questions to put on this case might do so there and then since he was accompanied by an expert.
2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate noted that the Italian Memorandum did not indicate the name of the end-user of this cable. Was it intended for the Soviet railways or postal and telegraph services? The Delegate would like information in this connection. He moreover noted that the technical characteristics of this cable were indicated in the "TZB/GOST - 5008-49 and TZEB/GOST 5008-49 Specifications". Were these specifications Soviet ones or internationally recognised specifications?
3. The ITALIAN Delegate answered that the cable was requested by the "Razno Import" in Moscow and were to be used for telephone links between medium sized areas in the Moscow suburbs. As to the specifications mentioned, they were of Soviet and not international origin.
4. The GERMAN Delegate stated that his authorities' position on the whole of Item 1526 was well known to the Committee, and he could thus assure his Italian colleague that the German Government would give this case their sympathetic consideration. From what the Italian Delegate had just said, the end-user was a central import organisation who had probably placed this order for the Soviet Postal and Telecommunications Ministry. The Delegate would like clarification on the following points:
  - (1) In what area were these telephone lines to be installed?
  - (2) Of how many channels did the various types of cable consist? Did they operate in one way only or in two ways at once?
  - (3) Was it certain that this cable could not be used for other than audio frequencies? The Delegate would like to have confirmation of this.
5. The ITALIAN Delegate thanked the German Delegate for his comments. He stated that to obtain the number of channels it was merely necessary to multiply the number of quads mentioned in the memorandum by four. The Delegate confirmed that the cable could only be used for audio frequencies, the number

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of communications possible being equal to the number of pairs, and that it could under no circumstances be used as a carrier frequency system. He added that he had at the disposal of interested delegations an extract from the Soviet specifications translated into French.

6. The FRENCH Delegate remarked that the way in which the Soviet order was divided up implied that the cable would be used for very short distance links. Without wishing to anticipate his authorities opinion, the Delegate assured his Italian colleague that the case just submitted would be studied by the interested services with the greatest sympathy.

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