

CONFIDENTIALNovember 24th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3782COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONA GERMAN PROPOSAL TO EXPORT BEARINGS TO HUNGARYNovember 17th, 1959

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

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3538, 3590, 3737.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the German request to export a set of bearings for a floating crane to Hungary (COCOM 3737). This replaced an earlier German request (COCOM 3590) but was in addition to an Italian request for similar bearings (COCOM 3538) which had been approved by the Committee. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that his authorities had at first thought that some of the data in the German memorandum did not tally with other details in that the published specifications of the type numbers indicated in the German memorandum gave an inner diameter of 240 mm. and an outer diameter of 440 mm., in which case the bearings were not embargoed. If, on the other hand, the inner diameter of the three bearings was 440 mm. as stated in the German memorandum it would seem that the type numbers were incorrect. The German Delegation had given an assurance that the specifications were correctly given in their memorandum and were consistent with the previous case they had submitted to the Committee. The United States authorities would be grateful for extra time in which to study the question further.
3. There were no objections from the other Members of the Committee.
4. The GERMAN Delegate expressed his thanks to the Committee for the views that had been given. Referring to the statement made by his United States colleague, he said that his authorities had confirmed that the inner diameter of the three bearings was 440 mm. and the outer diameter 780 mm, thus there was no doubt that the bearings were embargoed. The bearings of type number 69 488 were the same as in the previous German request and also in the Italian request; on both occasions the United States authorities had found no difficulty in considering the case. Finally the Delegate said that he looked forward to hearing the final views of the United States authorities as soon as possible.

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