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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

A BELGIAN PROPOSAL TO EXPORT ELECTRODES TO ROUMANIA

November 5th, 1959

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

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3735

1. The BELGIAN Delegate recalled that his authorities had submitted a memorandum (COCOM 3735) inviting the Committee's opinion as to whether or not certain electrodes were covered by the definition of Item 1661. In case there should be no unanimity in the opinions received, the Belgian authorities wished this case to be considered as an ad hoc exceptions request and would be grateful to hear the views of Governments as soon as possible. The Delegate added that the electrodes in question were worth \$36,000.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate noted that there was a practical difficulty in considering the Belgian memorandum as an exception proposal, in that the memorandum did not provide information normally submitted with an exceptions request, such as the end-use to which the electrodes would be put, and the circumstances considered to justify an exception. If the United States authorities considered that the electrodes in question were under embargo, the Delegate reserved the right to put further questions to the Belgian Delegation at a later date and to express definitive views on an exception at a later date if necessary.
3. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear the views of Governments on November 16th.

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