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ON

A FRENCH PROPOSAL TO EXPORT HYPERFREQUENCY MEASURING EQUIPMENT TO POLAND

8th October 1959

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

References: COCOM 3685

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a French proposal to export hyperfrequency measuring equipment to Poland. He invited Delegates to state their Governments' views.
2. The DANISH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, JAPANESE and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates stated that their Governments raised no objection to this export.
3. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his Government had no objection to this export, but would be grateful to the French authorities if they would endeavour to obtain a definite assurance from the Polish authorities that this equipment would not be used to military ends. The United States Government had noted the assurances the French Government had already received as to the utilisation of this equipment for scientific purposes, but considered that these did not exclude all possibility of military application.
4. The FRENCH Delegate assured his United States colleague that in granting authority to issue a licence for the equipment concerned, his office would recommend that the competent French department should make every effort to obtain the assurances requested by the United States authorities.
5. The BELGIAN, CANADIAN and NETHERLANDS Delegates stated that their Governments raised no objection to the French proposal.
6. The FRENCH Delegate thanked the Committee for the favourable views they had expressed on his Government's request.

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